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Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/17/64
at Chicago.

On September 3, 1965, the Chicago office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) made available a report by Investigator [REDACTED] dated August 31, 1965, at Chicago. This INS report concerning captioned subject sets forth details of an interview by INS with LOLA BELLE HOLMES, former [REDACTED] wherein HOLMES was quoted as identifying herself as a member of the Communist Party (CP) from August, 1957, to January, 1963, that she was a member of the Needle Club, CP of Illinois, and elected chairman of that club which automatically made her a member of the Wagenknecht Section of the CP of Illinois. She was quoted as identifying a photograph of [REDACTED] as being identical with an individual whom she had first seen at a closed CP meeting in Chicago in 1958. HOLMES was quoted as stating she had seen [REDACTED] at CP meetings many times but could not definitely estimate the number of times. She furnished a signed statement to this effect, dated January 7, 1965.

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On September 21, 1965, LOLA BELLE HOLMES was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] concerning the information she had furnished to INS concerning [REDACTED]. She stated that when interviewed by INS Agents in January, 1965, a photograph of [REDACTED] had been displayed to her and she recognized him as an individual previously known to her only as [REDACTED]. She advised that she had observed [REDACTED] at meetings which she described as "CP functionary meetings" during the period 1958 - 1963. She described these meetings as meetings wherein all persons in attendance were undoubtedly CP members. She stated that she could not personally attest to the membership of each and every

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person in attendance but normally no one would be in attendance who was not a member of the CP or in the confidence of the CP. She stated that insofar as she could recall the meetings at which she observed [redacted] had to do with affairs of the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) and the business discussed at these meetings would have been MCPFB business rather than CP business. She stated that she has no personal knowledge of CP membership on the part of [redacted] since at no time during her membership in the CP from 1958 - 1963 did she recall seeing [redacted] at any meetings of the CP clubs or CP section in which she was active.

It is noted that a review of the subject's file reveals no instance in which HOLMES identified [redacted] as a member of the CP. This is consistent with the information she furnished to SA [redacted] on September 21, 1965, inasmuch as she could not identify [redacted] as a CP member from her own knowledge. This information is being furnished the Bureau in view of the statement by the INS that HOLMES had stated that she observed [redacted] in attendance at closed CP meetings between 1958 and 1963. It is noted that she reiterated in her interview on September 21, 1965, that she cannot personally identify [redacted] as having been a CP member.

Results of the interview with HOLMES on September 21, 1965, will be set forth in the next annual report concerning this subject which will be submitted by December 17, 1965. This interview has been placed on an FD-302.

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Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Reddy
- 1 - Mr. Rushing
- 1 - Mr. McNiff

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From a review of the information furnished to Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) concerning captioned individual by Lola Belle Holmes, as set forth in relet, it appears there is little doubt that Holmes left INS with the impression that she could testify to subject's Communist Party (CP) membership. When reinterviewed by Bureau Agents, however, Holmes could only state that subject attended what she, Holmes, believed to be CP meetings, although the only business discussed thereat pertained to the Midwest Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born (MCPFB). Holmes averred that she has no personal knowledge of CP membership on the part of the subject.

In compliance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 57-46, dated 8/13/57, you are instructed to immediately contact officials of INS, Chicago, advising them you are in receipt of information furnished to them by Holmes concerning subject. Also advise INS, as you have pointed out in relet, that Bureau files contain no instance in which Holmes has identified [redacted] as a member of the CP. You should then relate to INS exactly the information furnished by Holmes concerning [redacted] when interviewed by Bureau Agents in September, 1965.

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After the above, point out to INS that Bufiles do contain information, which has already been made available to them from sources not available to testify, to the effect that on at least seven separate occasions during the period February, 1960, through December, 1963, [REDACTED] had requested CP membership or was under consideration by a CP official with regard to being assigned to a CP club.

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Your above contact with INS should subsequently be confirmed in writing, and the Bureau advised of the results.

NOTE: Referenced letter indicates that Holmes furnished a signed statement in January, 1965, to representatives of INS wherein she identified a photograph of [REDACTED] with an individual whom she had seen at a closed CP meeting in Chicago in 1958. She was quoted as saying that she had seen [REDACTED] at CP meetings, but could not definitely estimate the number of times. Upon reinterview by Bureau Agents in September, 1965, Holmes stated that she had no personal knowledge of CP membership on the part of [REDACTED] but she does recall seeing him at CP meetings at which time he was known to her only as [REDACTED]. She stated that the meetings at which she observed [REDACTED] had to do with affairs of the MCPFB and the business discussed at these meetings would have been MCPFB business rather than CP business. A review of subject's file fails to indicate any instance wherein information concerning captioned subject was furnished to the Bureau by Holmes (former [REDACTED]).

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[REDACTED] is presently on the Security Index of the Chicago Office. A review of the file fails to indicate that any source available to the Bureau can actually place subject in the CP. When interviewed by representatives of INS in 1944 he furnished a signed statement wherein he stated that he had in the past attended CP meetings and functions but had never been actually admitted to CP membership.

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November 4, 1965

Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Rozamus
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
1 - Mr. McNiff
1 - Mr. Reddy

LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

The following information regarding former confidential informant Lola Belle Holmes is being furnished since Mrs. Holmes may be under consideration as a possible witness for the Government in connection with the rehearing before the Subversive Activities Control Board in the case involving the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

On September 3, 1965, the Chicago Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) furnished this Bureau's Chicago Office a report covering an interview with Holmes by INS investigator [redacted] dated August 31, 1965. During this interview Holmes identified a photograph of one [redacted] as being identical with an individual previously known to her only as [redacted] whom she had first seen at a closed Communist Party meeting in Chicago in 1958. Holmes further advised during this interview that she had seen [redacted] at Communist Party meetings, although she could not definitely estimate the number of times. Holmes furnished INS a signed statement to this effect on January 7, 1965.

Since a review of the file relating to Sam Kren [redacted] failed to disclose that Holmes had reported [redacted] to this Bureau as a Communist Party member, Holmes was interviewed on September 21, 1965, by a Special Agent of this Bureau's Chicago Office. Holmes advised on that occasion that she had observed [redacted] at meetings during the period from 1958 to 1963. She described these meetings as "Communist Party functionary meetings" and she felt that all persons in attendance were undoubtedly Communist Party members. Holmes

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admitted that she could not personally attest to the Communist Party membership of each and every person in attendance, but she pointed out that normally only individuals who were Party members or who were "in the confidence of the Party" would be in attendance.

Holmes further admitted that so far as she could recall, the meetings at which she had observed [redacted] related to the activities of the Midwest Committee of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and the business discussed at these meetings related to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born rather than the Communist Party. Holmes stated that she had no personal knowledge of Communist Party membership on the part of [redacted] since at no time during her own Party membership, from 1956 to 1963, did she recall seeing [redacted] at any meetings of Communist Party clubs or sections in which she was active.

It is noted, however, that on several occasions during the period from February 1960 through December 1963 information was furnished by other sources who are not available to testify that [redacted] had sought Communist Party membership and was under consideration for assignment

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

RA Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *plb*

SUBJECT: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: December 1, 1965

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Rozamus

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Letter dated November 28, 1965, from Julia Brown, a former security informant of the Cleveland Office, states that on November 20, 1965, while in Boston she met Lola Belle Holmes, a former security informant of the Chicago Office. Brown was told by Holmes that when she was an informant, an Agent or Agents tried to force her into intimacy with Claude Lightfoot, a well-known Communist Party member in Chicago, and after refusing she was threatened by the Agent. Later, on November 20, 1965, at a luncheon held at 2:00 p.m. attended by eight persons, Holmes made a number of incredible statements about the FBI. Brown expresses deep concern about Holmes' statements and adds that she has not repeated them to anyone.

Brown, who is of the Negro race, was a security informant of the Cleveland Office from 1951 to 1960. She was discontinued at her request for personal reasons. She has publicly testified concerning her informant activities. Cordial relationship exists between her and the Cleveland Office.

Holmes, who is also of the Negro race, was a security informant from 1956 until January, 1963, at which time she publicly testified. Subsequently, she exhibited some traits of instability. For instance, in August, 1964, she wrote to the White House complaining about her treatment by the Department of Justice and the FBI and stating she has been unable to obtain employment because of her past informant status. When interviewed by the Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office and the Agent who had handled her, she stated that her complaint was unfounded.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: LOLA BELLE HOLMES

she had written the letter to the White House while in a highly emotional condition. In October, 1964, after the Chicago Office assisted her in obtaining employment, she was discharged by her employer when it was found she had an active case of syphilis. She is 43 years old.

OBSERVATIONS:

In view of the contents of Brown's letter, the Cleveland Office should immediately contact her. The receipt of her letter by the Director should be orally acknowledged and appreciation expressed for bringing Holmes' statements to the Director's attention.

It is noted that Brown ended her letter by stating that the information contained therein was just part of the story. Therefore, she should be thoroughly interviewed for detailed information concerning all derogatory statements made by Holmes about the FBI. The identities of all persons in whose presence Holmes made the statements should be obtained. The results of the interview should be furnished promptly to the Bureau and the Chicago Office. The Chicago Office should not contact Holmes until advised by the Bureau. Upon receipt at the Bureau of the results of the interview with Brown, we will give appropriate instructions to the Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office regarding an interview with Holmes.

ACTION:

Telephonic instructions were furnished to the Cleveland Office on December 1, 1965, by Inspector J. A. Sizoo in line with the instructions set forth above. A confirming airtel was sent to the Cleveland Office with copies for the Chicago Office.

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Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
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Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

4804 East 173rd Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44128
November 28, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover-

This is the hardest task I have ever attempted, I am sure I could never sleep in peace unless I let you know what I think is too serious to keep. I shall make this letter as brief as possible.

On Saturday November 20th after spending two weeks on my Lecture tour, I went to Boston Massachusetts, there I met a woman by the name of Lola Mae Holmes from Chicago, Illinois. She had spent six and a half years in the Communist party for the FBI, and recently testified before the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities, the same as I did in June of 1962.

Lola Mae told me some of the most shocking things concerning the Agent she worked with, I could hardly believe my ears. Miss Holmes said this Agent or Agents tried to force her into intimacy with Claud Lightfoot a well known communist living in Chicago, that the FBI Agent threatened her by saying he would get even with her after she refused his demand.

Around 2PM that afternoon eight of us went out to lunch, at the table Miss Holmes told things about the FBI that was incredible. Mr. Hoover, common sense tells me something is wrong somewhere, I have not mentioned this to a soul except you, if this means nothing, I will be glad to for get it. There was nothing left for me to do but write you, for I am one who cares. That is part of my story.

[Redacted signature area]

Julia Brown

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TO SAC CLEVELAND

FROM DIRECTOR FBI [REDACTED]

LOLA BELLE HOLMES, FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY INFORMANT.

LETTER OF NOVEMBER TWENTY EIGHT LAST FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] **STATES THAT ON NOVEMBER TWENTY LAST**
WHILE IN BOSTON SHE MET LOLA BELLE HOLMES FORMER CHICAGO
INFORMANT. HOLMES SAID AGENT OR AGENTS TRIED TO FORCE HER INTO
INTIMACY WITH CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CHICAGO COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER
WHILE SHE WAS AN INFORMANT. AFTER SHE REFUSED SHE WAS
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[REDACTED] **HOLMES MADE A NUMBER OF**
INCREDIBLE STATEMENTS ABOUT FBI.

CLEVELAND OFFICE IMMEDIATELY CONTACT BROWN. ORALLY
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APPRECIATION. THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW BROWN FOR FULL DETAILS RE
HOLMES' STATEMENTS AND ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF PERSONS IN WHOSE
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ed in view of serious allegations by Holmes.
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Date: 12/2/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382107)
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND [redacted]
 SUBJECT: LOLA MAE HOLMES
 FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

Re Bureau phone call to Cleveland dated 12/2/65.

[redacted] was interviewed on 12/2/65 at her
 home by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted]
 of the American Opinion Speakers Bureau, Belmont, Mass. 02178.
 This is connected with the John Birch Society. [redacted]
 is planning a number of seminars to be on television in
 early 1966, the participants in these seminars to be JULIA
 BROWN, LOLA MAE HOLMES, [redacted]
 all of whom are Negroes and [redacted] who is white.
 [redacted] stated that [redacted] claims to have been
 a CP member since 1928, was trained in a school in Moscow,
 had some connection with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and
 testified either on behalf of the FBI or the HCUA. He
 currently resides [redacted]
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[REDACTED] stated that shortly after meeting LOLA MAE HOLMES, Miss HOLMES asked [REDACTED] to come into a room where they could talk in private. At this time HOLMES stated that she had worked for the FBI for 6½ years and then said that the FBI was 'mad at me because I would not be intimate with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. They tried to force me and I told them that I would not do it. The agent then told me that he would get even with me for refusing to do as requested.' [REDACTED] said that HOLMES was very angry and talked very fast with the result that she [REDACTED] was very shocked and had no chance to say anything to HOLMES before they were advised that the group would be leaving for lunch.

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[REDACTED] LOLA MAE HOLMES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] other young men connected with the American Opinion Speakers Bureau, their names not recalled. At lunch LOLA MAE HOLMES did practically all of the talking. She was practically gushing with talk and no one else had much opportunity to say anything. LOLA MAE HOLMES was almost constantly talking of the many things the FBI had made her do and stated that she found it necessary to write a letter to the FBI in Chicago in which she enumerated ten things which she would not do. [REDACTED] stated that she could only remember one thing that LOLA MAE HOLMES said during this tirade of hers - that being that 'I was in line to marry CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, and the FBI wanted me to do it but I refused to go through with such a marriage.' [REDACTED] said that HOLMES mentioned something about LIGHTFOOT's wife dying, or having died, of cancer.

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Considerable time was spent in trying to help [REDACTED] recall other statements made by LOLA MAE HOLMES, [REDACTED]

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but [redacted] pointed out that [redacted]

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[redacted] with comments about LOLA MAE to the effect that 'she is nuts' and 'maybe we ought to have her investigated' etc. [redacted] pointed out that she, and all the others, were obviously agast at the statements made by HOLMES, and that she did not concentrate particularly on what she said, not realizing at the time that she might be questioned in the future as to what was said by HOLMES.

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] said that LOLA MAE would not give her the opportunity to say any more, commenting that [redacted] was prejudiced, had not listened to what HOLMES had said, didn't want to know the facts, etc.

[redacted] HOLMES and suggesting that some investigation ought to be made of her before giving further consideration to having her participate in this seminar. [redacted] stated that [redacted] agreed and assured [redacted] that an inquiry concerning HOLMES would be made. [redacted] joked about HOLMES and suggested that 'something is wrong with her.'

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[redacted] respect for the FBI and all it stands for. [redacted] stated she did not believe HOLMES, and it was her original intention to ignore the statements.

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However, upon realizing the damage that could be done to the FBI's reputation by such claims, which HOLMES apparently makes quite openly, [REDACTED] decided to report the matter to the Bureau. b7D

[REDACTED] stated that LOLA MAE HOLMES appears to be intelligent and makes a good impression on people. She does not appear to have anything mentally wrong with her. HOLMES indicated that she had gone to college and was either currently attending or was planning to attend law school. She had not been drinking alcoholic beverages. b7D

Subsequent to being interviewed on this date, [REDACTED] telephonically advised that she had just received a letter from [REDACTED] to the effect that [REDACTED] b6 b7C b7D

[REDACTED] and containing additional information which [REDACTED] felt would be of interest to the Bureau. This letter will be obtained tomorrow, December 3, 1965, and pertinent offices advised.

Attached for the Chicago, Boston and New York Offices is a copy of the original letter written by [REDACTED] to the Director. b7D

The Bureau has instructed that no action be taken on this matter until specifically advised by the Bureau.

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**AMERICAN OPINION
SPEAKERS BUREAU**

Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

November 29, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

You certainly needn't be embarrassed that you never got the connection between my name and person. I am sorry also that we didn't have a chance to sit down and talk, but I hadn't realized how much ground we had to cover in such a short period of time.

As to Lola Belle Holmes, let me say that we certainly share in your uneasiness and anxiety about her story with the F.B.I. But as a point in clarification, let me say we are doing everything humanly possible to check out her story, and for your comfort and peace of mind we are sending along a copy of a letter from one of our Section Leaders in Chicago. I think the letter will clarify many issues in your mind, as it did in mine. We are still going to run a check on her just the same, but I thought this letter might help.

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It was a pleasure to meet you, and I hold you in the highest regards.

Sincerely,

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Belmont, Mass.

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Dear [redacted]

Lola Belle Holmes first came to my attention on Jan. 25, 1963 when I read articles in the Chicago newspapers that she testified for the government as a surprise witness in the 2-day hearings before the subversive activities control board on a petition by the attorney general asking that Claude Lightfoot be required to register with the board as a member of the Communist party. At that time I cut out the newspaper clippings and filed it away with some of my personal files on subversive activities in the Chicago area, a subject that has been of interest to me for about 12 years.

I often wondered what happened to Miss Holmes. I wondered if she gave up and possibly re-joined the left-wing forces etc. In May of 1965 I was pleasantly surprised to see her name again on the front pages of the local papers, as the principal witness at the HCUA hearings on Communist Party activity in the Illinois District of the Communist Party. The demonstrations against the hearings were, as usual, led by Communists and were typical demonstrations against the HCUA.

It happened that at the height of the newspaper publicity and demonstrations on the HCUA hearings in Chicago, Dr. Fred Schwarz was having his 5-day school on anti-communism at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Herbert Philbrick sent a telegram to Miss Holmes, asking her to appear as their guest at Dr. Schwarz's final big banquet on the final day of his school. Schwarz, Philbrick, or nobody from the Schwarz team knew Miss Holmes. They sent the telegram and then Philbrick followed through and she consented to attend the banquet as their guest.

I am not an avid supporter of Dr. Schwarz, but I attended a couple sessions to find out what Philbrick had to say about the Warren Report and the assassination of Pres. Kennedy, as well as to hear the speech by Mr. Menocal who I knew once was on our American Opinion Speakers Bureau. My wife and I also went to the final banquet and one of the main reasons I went was to observe Lola Belle Holmes. Already at that time I had some ideas that she could be a terrific asset to the John Birch Society.

Schwarz gave his usual speech for money. Philbrick gave a brief speech. Lola Belle Holmes was introduced, got an appropriate ovation, and proceeded to talk for about 20 minutes extemporaneously with no notes. I felt she had speaking ability and could handle herself well on her feet before an audience.

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She gave a tremendous anti-communist speech. She is particularly good when she deals with the deceit, trickery, evil methods, and determination to conquer tactics of the Communists. I would say that 90% of her speech was excellent. About 10% of her speech showed to me that she lacked an exposure to John Birch Society materials and other Anti-Communist materials.

For example, she was mixed up with respect to Martin Luther King, the Civil Rights Movement etc., although she knew the Communists were in the movement and were no good.

She referred to 'democracy' more often than the usual Birch Society speaker or other anti-communists. There were a few other parts of her speech that indicated she needed more education.

After the banquet, many people went up and shook hands with her and praised her for serving her country so well. I went up and gave her my business card and told her that I would very much like to have a little talk with her some time in the near future. She consented politely and I asked her to write her name and phone number on the back of another business card. She did this. I went away, having spent no more than 60 seconds with her, as many more people were waiting to congratulate her.

I did not get around to phoning her to around the first part of September. I phoned her on a week-end evening. After appropriate introduction and brief conversation, I made a date to take her out to dinner one evening that week. I picked her up at 5:00 p.m. when she got off work at the Urban League office and took her out to a nice restaurant in the loop. I drove her home at 10:00 p.m. and I had 5 hours of continuous conversation with her. The uppermost thoughts in my mind during those 5 hours were:

1. Is she sincere. If she is, would she be able in a relatively short period of time be able to absorb enough of our John Birch Society material and other reading material to comprehend fully the problems we face?
2. Are there any inconsistencies or inaccuracies in her story. Fortunately, she is a good conversationalist and likes to talk about her experiences.
3. Is she mentally stable.

At the end of the 5 hours of direct conversation with her, I was pretty well convinced that, although she lacked the insight now, within a relatively short period of time she could grasp the full picture, particularly with respect to Civil Rights.

I next invited her to visit my home, meet my family, and have a Sunday dinner with us. I picked her up at 4:00 p.m. and took her home at 10:00 p.m. Again I had 6 hours of uninterrupted conversation with her and my wife, an unusually skeptical person on these matters of sincerity, also observed her.

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Being a very skeptical person, myself, and having spent some 7 1/2 years as a professional investigator, having many contacts with local investigative agencies, and personally having many friends in the Chicago Police Department, particularly among the detectives, I am not an easy person to fool. Although I still had a few unresolved reservations, after several days of reflection and considering all the remote possibilities that she could be some kind of a counter agent who would be taking on 4 or 5 different roles, I felt pretty certain that she was sincere. I felt that what she needs now is education. Remember that nowhere in her career to date would she have had any exposure to anti-communist literature or the truth, as we are privileged to get it in the Birch Society.

So I invited her, and she accepted, to attend a series of six study sessions, commencing Monday, September 27th, for six consecutive Monday nights at my home. This was sponsored by my chapter and was called the Altadena Study and Research Group sessions. She attended every one of the sessions which were as follows:

- Session 1. World Wide Rise of Communism
- Session 2. News Management and Communication
- Session 3. Education and Youth
- Session 4. United Nations
- Session 5. Religion
- Session 6. Presentation - John Birch Society

Up until the first study meeting, I had never mentioned the Birch Society to Miss Holmes. I assumed that she would have no conception what it was and it might scare her. We must remember that she lives in a totally black neighborhood in Chicago where there are no Birch Society chapters and where she would have virtually no access to anti-communist literature etc. At the beginning of the first session, attended by Miss Holmes and about 15 other persons, I announced that my wife and I were members of the Birch Society and this series of study sessions were being conducted entirely under the auspices of our chapter of the John Birch Society.

The first evening we showed an excellent film called 'Communist Imperialism'.

When I drove her home that evening, we talked about the John Birch Society for the first time. She remarked how back in 1961 or so they started talking about the Birch Society and that Lou Diskin, a study leader for the Communists, had some sessions on it. She said that she now can see why the Communists and the Left forces now dislike the Birch Society so much.

Other films shown and seen by Miss Holmes at the study sessions were: THE ULTIMATE WEAPON, OPERATION ABOLITION, KATANGA-THE UNTOLD STORY and THE GREAT DEBATE (Edgar Bundy vs. Rev. Bass).

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The final session was a new experiment presentation. We showed the first half of the Birch Society Presentation film #1. A 15 minute presentation of the books available, one-dozen candles review, the four levels of action, structure of Birch Society etc. etc. and ended it with the Presentation film #2 with the exception of the last twenty minutes. At the end I gave a 5 minute inspiration speech and said we needed help and asked the guests to join. Four out of the six guests joined and Lola Belle was the first to join after the meeting.

In the meantime, my wife and I spent some 4 hours with her when we took her to hear Major Pedro Diaz Lanz speak in Chicago. She cried once or twice and shook her head in agreement through most of his stirring speech.

Shortly after hearing Major Lanz, she went as our guest to hear Samuel Blumenfeld speak about the U.N. in Evanston. He gives quite a speech and I was pleased to know that she had just been to our study session on the U.N. and seen the Katanga film. After Blumenfeld's speech, a group of about 25 Birch Society members came to my home to visit with Mr. Blumenfeld who led a living room discussion from about 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., and as you know Mr. Blumenfeld, has a storehouse of knowledge and facts about the criminal conspiracy and the communist movement operating in the world today toward imposing a world totalitarian government over all of mankind. Miss Holmes absorbed this very well and I particularly observed her reactions to all that he had to say. Much of the material he talked about was heard for the first time to many of our members.

I felt that beyond any question she is sincere after about the 4th week of our study sessions. I approved her membership in the Birch Society after the 6th weekly session. I felt then, and I still now feel that she does not fully comprehend all the intricacies of the international communist conspiracy. But aren't we all learning something new every day? I feel that we gave her just about as much educational material, well timed, and intelligently presented, as one person could absorb.

When I contacted you about the possibility of her speaking, I felt that not only had I taken great pains to test her for her sincerity, but also went to considerable pains to see that she received the proper education and exposure to the John Birch Society, and what we are trying to accomplish.

In my opinion she is now at a stage where she basically understands the John Birch Society and the enemy we face. With this basic fundamental background behind her she is now in a position, through our help, to develop fast into a very effective speaker.

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When you are convinced of her sincerity, as I am sure you will be soon, we all must assist her to overcome any misinformation she may have attained during many years in the left-wing groups.

As to confirming the facts about her past background, I went to considerable pains to do this prior to notifying you about Miss Holmes.

I have an old newspaper clipping of September 1948 confirming her leadership activity among the garment workers union and that she was chairman of a rally here in Chicago to support the Progressive Party. Also I have a Chicago Tribune clipping of April 17, 1950 showing Lola Belle Holmes as being quite active in the Progressive Party activities.

Her story that the FBI contacted her is very plausible under all the circumstances. Within the ultra left groups and within the Progressive Party, she got into personal differences with some Communists.

As you know, she says that the FBI contacted her and requested that she infiltrate the Party. She says that she waited and thought about it for a year, then decided to infiltrate the Party. She has told me how she made the contact, and for 50 cents was able to join the Party. She has told me many details and I have been unable to discover any discrepancies of any kind, and I have considered this from every angle, before I decided that I would approve her membership in the Birch Society and recommend her to the American Opinion Speakers Bureau.

She has praised the FBI many, many times to me and to others in our study group etc. She has nothing but praise for the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

She has told me at least 3 or 4 times about an FBI agent who caused her much difficulty. She says that when she reported routinely about a communist meeting she attended here, that there was evidence that Castro was a communist (during the time our government said he wasn't) this particular FBI agent insisted that she omit this vital information. She first told us about this situation in the car on our way home from hearing Major Pedro Diaz Lanz speak. We were quite astounded, however, we questioned her at length, and later I asked her about this. I came to these conclusions. First, this man is a bad apple - a leftist working in the FBI. Second, she clashed with him over procedure or course of action she was to follow - in other words a personality clash - and this is quite possible, as both she and the agent are human and possess attributes of pride, stubbornness, and reluctance to listen to advice and take orders.

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That she is some sort of a triple or quadruple agent now out to infiltrate or confuse the John Birch Society, I feel is virtually impossible.

That her story about the FBI agent is true I have no doubt. Like you, me, and all of us, I am sure that under mental strain she was capable of getting into a violent disagreement with this man, even an FBI agent who are human beings. Whether or not the FBI agent was a bad apple, I do not know. This is a subject we should investigate, and you are going about it the right way.

We must keep in mind that for most of her life (Prior to being a communist for the FBI in 1957) she was active in left wing activities. Much of her interest lay in the civil rights movement and belief that this was the way for negroes to accomplish equality. She believed this and was indoctrinated with this left wing philosophy.

She apparently followed a very unusual and confusing career as a communist for the FBI. She appears to have made regular reports to the FBI covering the meetings she attended. The FBI cooperated with her and she reported all the meetings she attended. She seemed to perform her duties for the FBI very well. At the same time, she seemed to feel that some of the civil rights activities, particularly the Negro American Labor organization, headed by A. Phillip Randolph, was a good organization and at that time she seemed to believe that A. Phillip Randolph as a great leader. She appears to have thought she could be a communist and climb in the communist party organization which took her into the Negro American Labor organization where she felt there she could be of value to the negroes and the civil rights movement by keeping Communist ideas and communists from gaining influence in the Negro American Labor organization, although she, herself, got there from the communists boosting her.

This sounds confusing, but I have talked to her at length and believe that there was a reason for her confusion. It was a normal development of all the forces at work on a woman who for years had been indoctrinated with a left wing philosophy.

Fortunately, for us, she as a youth had a strong religious upbringing by her parents, and I am confident that she is in the process of making a full circle back. She has come a long way since I first contacted her in September, and I still feel that she will be a terrific asset to the John Birch Society.

She gave a small talk last Sunday night to about 70 Birch Society chapter leaders and members in Glenview. I have a tape of this speech. She wrote the entire speech with no coaching or suggestions from me whatsoever. Her speech was very good. With a little

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encouragement, guidance, and suggestions from us, her speech could be dynamic. She has now joined the greatest team on earth. We now must share our knowledge with her; she will learn fast.

If she were mentally unstable, or some sort of an agent-infiltrator, I believe my judgment would have detected it by now.

As to her employment with the Chicago Urban League. She got this job around Feb. of 1965. They are hostile toward her. As you probably know, she got this job through a combination of the FBI, Judge Parsons, a well known negro Federal Judge in Chicago, and ~~other~~ ^{WHAT} influences they were able to exert.

When it becomes known that she is affiliated with the John Birch Society or the American Opinion Speakers Bureau, she will be fired. She has even thought about the possibility of publicizing this to show the Urban League is not interested in civil rights. She is a fighter. She has told me of instance after instance of ultra left and communist influence in the Urban League.

She identified 12 members of the Communist Party in Illinois at her public testimony here in Chicago in May of 1965. I do not believe that the 12 members were officers of the Urban League. I see nothing about her employment with the Chicago Urban League that is not a normal development of the circumstances as they developed.

Prior to her meeting me in Sept. 1965, I doubt that she has had any real contact with anti-communist activists who would have an interest in educating her or recruiting her to work for a cause. I think the FBI agents and House committee investigators treated her rather impersonally. With her left-wing background, I have no doubt that, prior to her meeting me, she considered herself a Democrat, probably voted for Johnson, supported the Civil Rights Act etc. etc., a perfectly normal development for a negro woman, even though she hates the communists and communism. She had no exposure to anti-communist literature or material until she met me and I took an interest in seeing that she obtained the truth. I am satisfied that she now has the background and fundamental understanding of the problems we face to be a very effective worker on our team, the John Birch Society, and on the American Opinion Speakers Bureau.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Rozamus

To: SAC, Chicago [redacted]
From: Director, FBI [redacted]

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FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY INFORMANT

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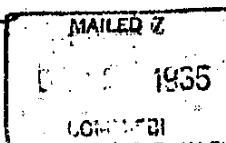
This will confirm telephonic instructions given to you by the Bureau on 12/8/65 as follows.

You should determine if there is any basis to Holmes' statement made to [redacted] that the Agent who handled her, Holmes, as a security informant instructed her to become intimate with Claude Lightfoot. Furthermore, you should determine, in regard to statement contained in [redacted] letter, a copy of which was furnished to your office by referenced airtel of 12/3/65, if there is any basis to Holmes' allegation that the handling Agent advised her to omit information indicating that Castro was a communist at the time this was not known to the general public.

If there is no basis, you should personally, or the person acting in your place, and the handling Agent of Holmes when she was an informant, contact her as soon as possible. She should be thoroughly interviewed to determine the extent of derogatory statements she has made about the FBI and the persons to whom she has made statements. Furthermore, determine her reasons for making such statements. Clearly and emphatically inform her to desist from making derogatory statements about the FBI in the future.

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RE: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
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Promptly furnish the results to the Bureau with your recommendation as to further action necessary. It is to be noted that reairtel of 12/3/65 advises that [redacted] does not desire to become identified as having furnished the information set forth in her letter to the Bureau and reairtel. Make certain that her identity is protected when interviewing Holmes. b7D

Unless the interview with Holmes indicates such action inadvisable at this time, promptly contact [redacted]. Clearly inform him that your inquiry has disclosed that reported derogatory statements made by Holmes concerning the Agent who handled her as an informant are completely unfounded. For your information, Bufile discloses [redacted] wrote to Bureau in April, 1965, requesting a letter commending Julia Brown for her informant activities. A copy of the reply dated 5/3/65 to [redacted] stating that Brown served as an informant from 1951 to 1960 was designated for your office. Furnish results of contact to the Bureau. b6 b7C

NOTE:

Memo from F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan of 12/1/65 pointed out that a letter dated 11/28/65 had been received from [redacted]

[redacted] letter reported that Lola Belle Holmes, a former security informant of the Chicago Office, had made derogatory remarks about the FBI while in Boston. It was recommended and approved that [redacted] be interviewed for full details and thereafter Chicago Office be furnished instructions regarding interview of Holmes. Cleveland airtel of 12/2/65 set forth results of interview with [redacted] said that when she met Holmes alone momentarily in Boston, Holmes remarked that while she was an informant an Agent insisted that she become intimate with Lightfoot, a Communist Party leader. By airtel of 12/3/65 Cleveland furnished letter from [redacted] written by [redacted] in which he made statement that Holmes had said her handling Agent had insisted that she not include in her report that Castro was a communist at the time he was not known as such by general public. Upon receipt of results of interview with Holmes, consideration will be given to contacting individuals to whom Holmes has made derogatory remarks about the FBI. b6 b7C b7D

Chicago, Illinois
December 8, 1965

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I, John D. Riordan, Special Agent for the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, make the following sworn
statement to Special Agent in Charge Marlin W. Johnson:

It has been reported that Lola Belle Holmes,
a former security informant of the Chicago Office, while
talking with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] while they were both in Boston,
Massachusetts, on November 20, 1965, alleged that the FBI
was "mad at me because I would not be intimate with Claude
Lightfoot. They tried to force me and I told them I would
not do it. The Agent then told me that he would get even
with me for refusing to do as requested." I deny the
allegation that I directed Miss Holmes to any such conduct and
I deny any statement that could be so misconstrued. After
the death of Geraldine Lightfoot in May, 1962, Miss Holmes,
in the course of discussions pertaining to her activity,
speculated whether Lightfoot would marry again, but there was

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absolutely no such directive as stated in the allegation.
I had no reason to get even with Miss Holmes for anything.

[redacted] reported that Lola Belle Holmes,

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[redacted]
entered into a "tirade" that the only thing she could remember was "I was in line to marry Claude Lightfoot and the FBI wanted me to do it but I refused to go through with such a marriage." I deny being a marriage procurer nor stating anything that could be so misconstrued. In addition to what has been stated above, it should be noted that Miss Holmes was in a close association with Claude Lightfoot during the period of her membership in the Communist Party of Illinois and much of the discussions held with Holmes in her role as a security informant pertained to Lightfoot and his activity. There was never, however, any directive given to Miss Holmes of the nature of this allegation.

It appears that the first and second allegations which have been discussed above may merely be restatements of one allegation. I again deny the import of either allegation.

On page 5 of the copy of a letter from [redacted]

[redacted] to [redacted]

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[redacted] which [redacted]
furnished to [redacted] under date of November 29,
1965, appears the information that Miss Holmes told
[redacted] when she reported routinely about a communist
meeting she attended in Chicago that there was evidence
that Castro was a communist "(during the time our govern-
ment said he wasn't)". This particular FBI Agent insisted
that she omit this vital information. I deny this
reported accusation of misfeasance. All information
furnished by Miss Holmes was acted upon diligently and
I did not instruct her to omit information but rather to
be always accurate and to provide information in great
detail and the bulk of the reports from Miss Holmes
testifies to this.

In summation, I categorically deny that I
ever instructed, suggested or even remotely implied to
Miss Holmes either that she marry Claude Lightfoot or
that she become intimate with Claude Lightfoot. I
further categorically deny that I ever instructed
Miss Holmes to delete any information from any of her

reports including any information reflecting or indicating
that Castro was a communist.

John D. Riordan
JOHN D. RIORDAN

Sworn and subscribed to before

me December 9, 1965

Margen W. Johnson
MARGEN W. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

Witnessed:

William B. Welte, Jr.
WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR.
Assistant Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 12/9/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (67-832)
 RE: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
 FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY INFORMANT

Re Bureau airtels 12/1/65 and 12/8/65 and Cleveland airtels, one dated 12/3/65 and other not dated, but probably intended to be dated 12/2/65.

Above communications relate to statements allegedly made by captioned individual indicating allegations against unidentified Special Agent of the FBI who handled informant in the Chicago Office.

A review of Chicago files reflects that the following Agents have either handled this informant or been involved in the handling of this informant:

AUGUST J. BAUMGARTNER

[REDACTED]
 PAUL E. EIDEN
 JOHN D. RIORDAN

[REDACTED] Field Supervisors JULIAN R. WALTERS and JOSEPH M. SCULKIN

In addition, I have on several occasions talked with this informant since her testimony at the Subversive Activity

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Control Board hearings in Chicago in January, 1963. The Agent who primarily handled her during the time when she was most active in the Communist Party (CP) and who was most responsible for directing her activities was SA JOHN D. RIORDAN.

Upon receipt of referenced communications, Field Supervisor JULIAN R. WALTERS and I talked at length with SA RIORDAN. He categorically denied the allegations mentioned in referenced communications and the original and two copies of a sworn affidavit obtained from him are enclosed to the Bureau.

He specifically denies ever directing her to marry CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT or to be intimate with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. He further categorically denies ever instructing her to delete pertinent information from her reports.

I talked at length with SA RIORDAN as to his handling of this informant and he readily admitted that she was a most difficult informant to handle. There were times when he would issue her instructions which she completely disobeyed. This is borne out in the file, it being noted that on one occasion the Bureau instructed that this informant be dissuaded from attending a Negro American Labor Council meeting in New York City in 1963. Informant disregarded the instructions and attended this conference.

SA RIORDAN pointed out that the informant on many occasions would jump to conclusions which she would put into her informant reports. As an example, she would in her reports identify a person attending a particular meeting as being a member of the CP. RIORDAN found it necessary to challenge her and to make her identify how she knew this individual to be a member of the CP. SA RIORDAN stated that on many occasions she would resent the fact that he challenged her statements, but that it was absolutely necessary to do so to insure accuracy in her reports.

SA RIORDAN stated she was the type of person who would resent direction towards certain objectives, feeling apparently that she should be the one who should decide meetings to be attended, organizations to penetrate, etc.

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As an example, she would put an asterisk back of the name of each person who attended a particular meeting and whom she knew to be a member of the CP. She specifically recalled that she put an asterisk behind the name of [redacted]. She recalled that SA RIORDAN challenged her on this, telling her that her reports must be completely factual and wanted to know the basis for her placing an asterisk behind this name. She stated she finally agreed with SA RIORDAN that she did not know this person to be a member of the CP and agreed that she would not so identify her in the future unless she obtained positive information. b6 b7C

Miss HOLMES stated a short time later she "forgot" and again identified [redacted] as a member of the CP. HOLMES stated that SA RIORDAN "bawled me out" for doing this. She stated that as she recalled, she also forgot on an additional occasion, at which time "JOHN RIORDAN really bawled me out". Miss HOLMES stated "I recognize that Mr. RIORDAN was right and that I was wrong, but that he should have recognized that I just forgot".

Miss HOLMES stated that she is not a highly educated person and it was extremely difficult for her to prepare her reports in the manner which SA RIORDAN demanded that they be prepared. She described him as a perfectionist who would settle for nothing but absolute accuracy, which forced her a lot of extra work in re-writing her reports. She stated that SA RIORDAN became "very stern" with her when he questioned the accuracy of some of her statements.

I asked her on two occasions whether or not she possessed any information indicating any misconduct on the part of SA RIORDAN. Her reply on both occasions was that she certainly did not possess any such information and that SA RIORDAN conducted himself as a gentleman at all times, except she felt that on some occasions he became too stern with her when he questioned the accuracy of her reports.

She emphatically denied ever stating that any Special Agent of the FBI had ever instructed her to delete pertinent information from her informant reports, but may have made a statement indicating that her contacting Agent demanded complete accuracy in her reports and may have indicated a hostility towards this Agent because of these demands. She, however, emphatically denied that at any time had any Agent instructed her to delete information, but to the contrary had insisted that the full facts be reported.

She recalled that additions had to be made to her reports by her on occasion because she had been too brief and had not explained all of the details.

She stated that the individuals who apparently had reported to the FBI that she had made uncomplimentary statements about the FBI and an Agent of the FBI had apparently misinterpreted her statements and for this, she was sorry. She stated she cannot recall, other than indicated above, what transpired at the above luncheon meeting or what other statements she might have made which could have been misconstrued. She stated she wanted me to know that under no circumstances would she ever want to criticize an employee of the FBI, as she had the highest regard for all individuals in the Bureau whom she has had the occasion to deal with.

She stated that in the future, she will be extremely cautious in making remarks concerning her association with the FBI to insure that no such remarks can in any way be misconstrued as criticism.

I again insisted that if she possessed any information which she felt reflected on the conduct of an FBI employee, that such should be related to me at this time. She denied that she possessed any such information. She promised me that should, in the future, any question arise in her mind, she would come to me or Mr. WALTERS immediately and would not discuss the matter with other individuals.

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It was clearly and emphatically pointed out to her that she should desist from making any statements which could be construed as critical of her handling by the FBI. To this she stated again her high esteem for the FBI and following the portion of the interview when SA RIORDAN was present, she emphasized her high regard for SA RIORDAN.

Supervisor WALTERS and I did the best we could to keep from identifying BROWN as one of the sources of this information. However, as indicated previously, she immediately associated allegations with conversations taking place in the presence of BROWN, even though the allegations at that point were general. She immediately commented that she recognized following the luncheon meeting that BROWN had misconstrued her remarks and she stated she was indeed sorry that she did not have the opportunity to speak in detail with BROWN to correct any misunderstandings which might have arisen.

Although HOLMES denies making the allegations, it is interesting to note that she immediately associated the allegations with JULIA BROWN. It is noted, however, that HOLMES emphatically insists she cannot recall any comments which she made which could be construed as unfavorable to the FBI. The one statement which BROWN recalls concerning LIGHTFOOT, HOLMES emphatically denies making, but does admit stating that she was "Doing a little bragging" by stating that LIGHTFOOT was interested in her and that she could have married him.

I must assume that HOLMES, and possibly BROWN, were discussing their former roles as informants with the FBI and I can only speculate that one might have been trying to outdo the other in their conversations.

We must, of course, recognize in analyzing this situation the irrational behavior of HOLMES in other instances since she was discontinued as an informant. The Bureau is aware of the numerous efforts on the part of the FBI to assist her in obtaining employment. Yet, she wrote a letter to the President complaining that nothing had been done for her and readily states now that she wrote this letter at a time when she herself felt she was having a nervous breakdown.

12/17/68

Airtel

To: SACs, Cleveland [redacted]
Chicago (67-8321)

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Felt
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Rozamus

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From: Director, FBI [redacted]

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LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY INFORMANT

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ReCVAirtels dated 12/2/68 and 12/3/68, and CG airtel
to the Bureau dated 12/9/68.

CG airtel reports that inquiry by the Chicago Office disclosed that there was no basis for the derogatory statements reportedly made by Lola Belle Holmes concerning the Agent or Agents who handled her as a security informant. On 12/6/68 she was thoroughly interviewed by SAC, Chicago, and a supervisor. During the interview she denied making any derogatory statements concerning the FBI. When the name of Claude Lightfoot was brought up, Holmes remarked that the source of the FBI's information concerning her alleged statements probably came from Julia Brown as a result of their contact several weeks ago. She claimed that Brown completely misunderstood her since, she, Holmes, did not have an opportunity to clarify her remarks.

Cleveland Office is requested to inform Brown that inquiry has disclosed there is no basis for the derogatory statements which she has brought to the attention of the Bureau. She should be tactfully requested to avoid bringing the FBI into any conversation or controversy she may have with Holmes in the future.

A careful evaluation of the recommendation in CG airtel of 12/9/68 discloses that [redacted] should be contacted. Therefore, Chicago Office is instructed to contact him.

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Tactfully but clearly inform him that a reported statement made to him by Holmes that she was instructed by an Agent to

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Airtel To Cleveland, Chicago

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omit from her informant report information that Castro was a communist at the time this was unknown to the general public, has been found to be completely not true. He should be requested to desist from repeating the unfounded statement.

Chicago Office should, in the event Holmes makes any written material available for review, accept such material for review. However, Holmes should clearly understand that such action should not be construed as an endorsement of her or her material.

Cleveland and Chicago Offices advise Bureau of results of contact with Brown and [redacted]. Keep Bureau promptly advised of any pertinent developments.

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NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan, re Lola Belle Holmes, 12/16/65, prepared by MJR:ncn/spg.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *San*

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *2/25/66
12-17-65*

SUBJECT: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY
INFORMANT

DATE: December 16, 1965

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Rozamus

My memorandum dated 12/1/65 pointed out that a letter dated 11/28/65 had been received from Julia Brown, a former security informant of the Cleveland Office. Brown's letter claimed that Lola Belle Holmes, a former security informant of the Chicago Office, had made derogatory remarks about the FBI. The Cleveland Office was instructed to interview Brown for details.

Brown was interviewed on 12/2/65. She said she first met Holmes on 11/20/65 in Boston, where they were both attending a meeting sponsored by a group from the John Birch Society. During a brief contact with Holmes, Holmes remarked that she had been an informant of the FBI for over six years. She said that the Agent who handled her wanted her to become intimate with Claude Lightfoot, a Communist Party leader, and when she refused to do so the Agent threatened her.

Subsequently, on 12/3/65, Brown furnished Cleveland Office a copy of a 7-page undated letter from [redacted] by [redacted]. The letter had been made available to her by [redacted]. The letter discussed Holmes' background, the means by which she became a secret member of the John Birch Society, and her future potential as a worker for the Society. The letter commented that during talks with her she had said that the FBI Agent who contacted her as an informant had caused her considerable difficulty. She claimed that when she reported information indicating that Castro was a communist, the Agent instructed her to omit the information. The letter commented that the Agent was possibly a leftist; however, it was also evident there was a personality clash between Holmes and the Agent.

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1 - 100-392107 (Julia Brown)

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan

RE: LOLA BELLE HOLMES

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Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, was instructed to determine if there was any substance to Holmes' allegations. If there was none, he was to interview her and clearly inform her to desist from making derogatory remarks about the FBI. He was instructed to contact [redacted] and inform him inquiry disclosed Holmes' statements were without basis. He was also instructed not to disclose Brown as having referred the allegations to the FBI.

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Chicago airtel of 12/9/65 points out that Holmes was contacted by eight different Special Agents while serving as an informant from 1956 to 1963. It was determined that Special Agent John D. Riordan was the primary contacting Agent. Riordan has given a signed statement in which he categorically denies Holmes' allegations.

The airtel states that on 12/8/65 the Special Agent in Charge and a supervisor of the Chicago Office thoroughly interviewed Holmes. She was questioned in detail concerning the Agents who had been in contact with her. She stated she felt she did not have any problems with any of them. She said, however, she got the impression that Riordan thought some of her reports were inadequate and, therefore, she would become upset at times.

When the allegation was brought up that an Agent asked her to become intimate with Lightfoot, Holmes remarked that this must have come from Julia Brown. Holmes states that when she met Brown briefly several weeks ago, she commented about Lightfoot, which startled Brown. Before she could explain further, their conversation was interrupted and she did not have a chance to clarify her statement. Holmes denied she had ever made a statement that she was asked to be intimate with Lightfoot. She also denied that any Agent ever told her to omit information from her reports. She stated she would be extremely careful in the future when mentioning the FBI to make certain her statements did not reflect adversely in any manner. She added she is considering writing a book and would make the material available for review. The Special Agent in Charge emphatically told her to desist in the future from making any statement which could reflect adversely on the FBI or its Agents. When Riordan was brought in during the interview, Holmes again denied ever making a derogatory statement concerning him or that his actions were ever improper.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
[redacted]

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[redacted] Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, recommends that [redacted] not be contacted since he is closely associated with Holmes in the John Birch Society. If contacted he would probably advise Holmes who might make other false statements about the FBI without our knowledge.

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OBSERVATIONS:

The reported statements of Holmes have been found to be completely without basis. However, we disagree with the recommendation that [redacted] not be contacted. In view of the statement in his letter that Holmes claimed an Agent told her to omit information from a report that Castro was a communist, [redacted] should be clearly informed that this has been found to be not true. Otherwise, he may spread the story throughout the John Birch Society. Also, since Brown brought the allegations to our attention, she should be informed that they are completely unfounded.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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The attached airtel be sent to Cleveland instructing that Brown be informed that inquiry and interview of Holmes disclosed there is no basis for the reported allegations of Holmes.

Copies of the airtel instruct Chicago to inform [redacted] that Holmes' statement concerning the matter of reporting on Castro has been found to be not true. In regard to Holmes possibly writing a book and her offer to make the material available to Chicago, Chicago Office should make Holmes understand that acceptance of the material cannot be construed as an endorsement of her or the material.

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Date: 12/20/65

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AIRTEL

Via _____

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER CHICAGO
SECURITY INFORMANT

ReBuairtel to Cleveland and Chicago dated 12/17/65
and captioned as above.

On 12/20/65

Chicago, Illinois, was contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at the Chicago Office of the FBI. The contact was made at the Chicago Office on the specific request of [redacted] who works in the immediate area.

During this contact [redacted] was tactfully but clearly informed that the statement made to him by Miss LOLA BELLE HOLMES to the effect that she had been instructed by an agent of the FBI to omit, from her reports, information that CASTRO was a communist, at the time this fact was unknown to the general public, has been found to be completely not true. He was requested to desist from repeating this unfounded statement.

[redacted] was completely amenable to this interview and spoke highly of both the FBI and its Director. [redacted] stated that since this statement was found to be untrue, he would cease and desist from making any reference to it in the future. [redacted] stated that his reference to this incident was contained in a memorandum to the American Speakers Opinion Bureau in an effort to assist them in making a determination as to whether or not HOLMES was reliable and mentally stable to be utilized as a regular speaker with that bureau. He stated that he did not mean to imply or even infer any misconduct on the part of an agent of the FBI.

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Approved: [redacted]

Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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12/29/65

1 - Mr. Rozamus

Airtel

To: SAC, Boston **REC-47**

From: Director, FBI [redacted]

**LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY INFORMANT**

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ReCVairtels of 12/2/65 and 12/3/65, copies of which were designated for offices receiving this communication.

Reairtels reported that Julia Brown, a former security informant of the Cleveland Office, furnished information that Lola Belle Holmes, a former security informant of the Chicago Office, made several allegations against the Bureau Agent who handled her as an informant. One of the allegations was that he instructed her to omit from her informant reports that Fidel Castro was a communist. Holmes was extensively interviewed by SAC, Chicago, in the presence of the Agent who handled her. She admitted that her allegations were unfounded and false.

Holmes had repeated the allegation regarding Castro to [redacted] a Chicago stockbroker and an active leader of the John Birch Society. He was informed by the Chicago Office that Holmes' allegation was completely false. He stated that he had repeated the allegation in a memorandum to the American Opinion Speakers Bureau in an effort to determine whether or not Holmes was reliable and mentally stable in regard to her possible use as a speaker. He stated that he did not mean to imply or even infer any misconduct on the part of an Agent of the FBI.

Boston Office is requested to contact [redacted]

*requested to contact [redacted]
American Opinion Speakers Bureau,
and tactfully inform [redacted] that*

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Airtel to Boston
RE: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
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the allegation contained in a memorandum from [redacted] attributed to Holmes that an Agent instructed her to omit information that Castro was a communist has been found to be completely false. During the contact it should be determined if he has repeated the allegation to any individual. The results of the contact should be furnished to the Bureau with recommendation as to any further action warranted. Bureau files contain no pertinent information concerning [redacted]

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NOTE:

In regard to Chicago airtel of 12/20/65, it was recommended and approved that [redacted] be contacted and informed that Holmes' allegation was false. Cleveland airtel of 12/22/65 advised that Julia Brown was contacted and also informed of the false allegations made by Holmes.

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Lola Belle Holmes, former security informant, recently made several false allegations against Bureau Agent who handled her, including allegation that she had been instructed to omit from her informant reports information that Fidel Castro was a communist. Holmes was extensively interviewed by SAC, Chicago, on 12-8-65 in presence of Bureau Agent and admitted all allegations against Agent were false. Holmes had repeated allegation regarding Castro to [redacted] a Chicago stockbroker and an active leader of the John Birch Society, and [redacted] repeated this allegation in a letter to the American Opinion Speakers Bureau. Pursuant to Bureau instructions, [redacted] was advised on 12-20-65 that Holmes had retracted her allegations against the FBI, and he was requested not to repeat the unfounded statement that Holmes had been requested to delete from her reports information regarding Castro being a communist.

If you approve, [redacted]
[redacted] American Opinion Speakers Bureau, Belmont, Mass., will also be advised of the falsity of Holmes' allegation.
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Date: 1/5/66

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DATE 05-19-2009 BY 60322 UCLP/PLJ/JM

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
FROM: SAC, BOSTON [REDACTED] (P)
SUBJECT: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY INFORMANT

Re Buairtel 12/29/65.

Personnel, John Birch Society, Belmont, Mass.,
advised 1/5/66 that [REDACTED]
American Opinion Speakers Bureau, Belmont, Massachusetts, has
been away since the beginning of the week and will not return
until Mon., 1/10/66.

[REDACTED] will be contacted at that time..

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1 - Boston
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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 12/22/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND [REDACTED]
 RE: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
 FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY INFORMANT

[REDACTED] was advised on 12/21/65, by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that inquiry has shown that there is no basis for the derogatory statements which she had previously brought to the attention of the Bureau and the Cleveland Office. It was suggested to her that she avoid bringing the FBI into any conversation she might have in the future with LOLA BELLE HOLMES. [REDACTED] stated that she would act accordingly, but that she thought it unlikely that she would see LOLA BELLE HOLMES again. [REDACTED]

The Bureau will be advised promptly of any additional information which might subsequently come to the attention of this office.

3 - Bureau (RM)
 1 - Chicago [REDACTED] (RM)
 2 - Cleveland [REDACTED]
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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 1/11/66

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]
FROM: SAC, BOSTON [redacted] KUC
RE: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY INFORMANT

Re: Bureau airtel dated 12/29/65.

[redacted] American Opinion Speakers Bureau, Hill Rd., Belmont, Mass., was contacted on 1/10/66 and per Bureau instructions contained in reairtel was tactfully advised that the allegation contained in a memorandum from [redacted] Chicago stockbroker and active leader of the John Birch Society, to the effect that an agent had instructed her to omit information that CASTRO was a communist has been found to be completely false.

[redacted] said that he considered this to be the case. He said the only other person who is aware of the information is [redacted] who is [redacted] and who was present when HOLMES made the allegations.

[redacted] said HOLMES is working for the Urban League in Chicago and that he still has not made up his mind whether to use her as a speaker or not.

Boston indices do not contain any information concerning [redacted]

In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to give consideration to having Salt Lake City contact [redacted] and to advise him per instructions in reBuairtel.

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1 - Chicago (RM)
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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel

1 - M. J. Rozamus

To: SAC, Salt Lake City (Enclosures - 2)

From: Director, FBI

LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY INFORMANT

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ReBSairtel of 1-11-66, two copies of which are enclosed.

[redacted] furnished information that Lola Belle Holmes, a former security informant of the Chicago Office, made several allegations against the Bureau Agent who handled her as an informant. One of the allegations was that he instructed her to omit from her informant reports that Fidel Castro was a communist. Holmes was extensively interviewed by SAC, Chicago, in the presence of the Agent who handled her. She admitted that her allegations were unfounded and false.

Holmes had repeated the allegation regarding Castro to [redacted] a Chicago stockbroker and an active leader of the John Birch Society. He was informed by the Chicago Office that Holmes' allegation was completely false. He stated that he had repeated the allegation in a memorandum to [redacted] American Opinion Speakers Bureau, Belmont, Massachusetts, in an effort to determine whether or not Holmes was reliable and mentally stable in regard to her possible use as a speaker. He stated that he did not mean to imply or even infer any misconduct on the part of an Agent of the FBI.

Reairtel sets forth results of contact with [redacted]. It is noted [redacted] said the only other person who is aware of Holmes' statement is [redacted] who is [redacted]

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1 - Chicago [redacted]

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Airtel to SAC, Salt Lake City
RE: LOLA BELLE HOLMES

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and who was present when Holmes made the allegation. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [redacted] based on information set forth in reairtel.

Salt Lake City Office is requested to contact [redacted] as soon as possible and tactfully inform him that in connection with contact made with [redacted] it was learned that Holmes had made statement in presence of [redacted] and [redacted] that the Agent who had handled her as a security informant instructed her to omit from her informant reports that Fidel Castro was a communist. [redacted] should be informed that inquiry has determined that Holmes' statement is completely false. During the contact, it should be determined if [redacted] has repeated Holmes' statement to any individual. The results of the contact should be furnished promptly to the Bureau with recommendation as to any further action warranted as the result of contact with [redacted] b6 b7C

NOTE:

In view of the serious nature of Holmes' statement, those individuals to whose attention the statement has been brought are being contacted in order to be informed that the statement is completely false. In this connection, in addition to the individuals mentioned above who have been contacted [redacted] was also informed that Holmes' statement was false. b7D

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Date: 1/18/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
 FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY [REDACTED] (RUC)
 RE: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
 FORMER CHICAGO SECURITY INFORMANT

ReBuairtel 1/14/66.

On 1/18/66, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who operates [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] from his residence address, as set out
 above, was contacted by ASAC FREDERICK F. FOX and SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was tactfully informed that in connection
 with the contact made with [REDACTED] Belmont,
 Massachusetts, it was learned that HOLMES had made a
 statement in the presence of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that the
 Agent who had handled her as a security informant instructed
 her to omit from her informant reports that FIDEL CASTRO
 was a Communist. [REDACTED] was informed that inquiry has
 determined that HOLMES' statement is completely false.

[REDACTED] advised that he recalled the contact with
 HOLMES, but that he did not now recall her making an
 allegation as above, although he recalls her making
 statements which caused him to wonder whether she would
 be a good person to utilize since they indicated that
 she would be difficult to control. [REDACTED] knows of no one
 else who might have heard HOLMES make such a statement,
 and he has himself not repeated to anyone any statement
 she made and would not have repeated the allegation against

- 3 - Bureau
 1 - Chicago [REDACTED]
 2 - Salt Lake City
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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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the Agent since he did not recall it. [] said that he would dismiss from his mind the incident involved and appreciated being contacted on this matter. He complimented the FBI on such attention to detail.

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[] advised that he had previously been employed by the John Birch Society principally because of his technical knowledge of motion picture production, but that the Society now expects him to develop ideas as well as utilize the ideas of the Society. He advised that because of this, he has acquired a Marxist library and has considered subscribing to various Communist publications. He stated that at such time as he does this, he intends to notify the FBI of his actions.

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Chester, Ind. 46304
March 16, 1966

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C. 20535

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Dear Sir:

I have enclosed two articles. One article is on Lola Belle Holmes who worked for the FBI, as a Communist. Recently she lectured in our community and I had the fortunate opportunity to hear her. Miss Holmes stated she was an undercover agent for the FBI.

A short time after her appearance, Mr. Ron Lask spoke for the men of the First Methodist Church. He is a retired special agent of the FBI. I did

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CORRESPONDENCE

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[Redacted]
Chesterton, Ind. 46304
March 16, 1966

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

① I have enclosed two articles. One article is on Lola Belle Holmes who worked for the F. B. I. as a Communist. Recently she lectured in our community, and I had the fortunate opportunity to hear her. Miss Holmes stated she was an undercover agent for the F. B. I.

A short time after her appearance, Mr. Don Lash spoke for the men of the First Methodist Church. He is a retired special agent of the F. B. I. I did not attend this meeting, but afterwards I was informed that someone asked him about Miss Holmes. He claimed Miss Holmes was not an undercover agent but merely a "paid informer." I would like to know the truth about Miss Holmes' connections with the F. B. I., as I was impressed with her speech. If she was a "paid informer," what is the difference between that and an undercover agent?

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Thank-you very much.

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Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/21/66

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: LOLA BELLE HOLMES

Former [REDACTED]

CONF. INFT.

On March 10, 1966, LOLA BELLE HOLMES advised that she had recently had her employment with the Chicago Urban League terminated. She stated she has been aware for some time of a desire on the part of Urban League [REDACTED] to terminate her, allegedly, according to HOLMES, because of the fact that she had testified and thereby brought unwanted notoriety to the Urban League. She stated that the termination was accomplished by submission of an unsatisfactory efficiency rating by her supervisor. HOLMES also admits to an extreme personality clash with that individual. As a result she was interviewed by [REDACTED] who asked for her resignation.

HOLMES stated she was very much disturbed over derogatory remarks in her efficiency report, which, according to her, were not true and which would possibly keep her from securing employment in the future. She said that [REDACTED] informed her that if she would resign immediately and leave gracefully he personally would guarantee that all such comments would be deleted from her file; that the record would show that she resigned voluntarily and that he would continue her salary for the next thirty days. On that basis HOLMES resigned effective immediately and has not returned to work, although she continues on the Urban League payroll through March, 1966.

According to HOLMES she intends, beginning April 1, 1966, to draw unemployment compensation, which she states she will be eligible for, until same is exhausted. She is of the belief she can subsist on the compensation payments and has no intention of seeking other employment immediately.

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1 - Chicago

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It is not felt that this office should again be obligated to assist HOLMES in obtaining future employment and, UACB, no further action in that regard will be taken. //

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March 22, 1966

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Chesterton, Indiana 46304

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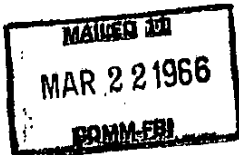
Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 16th, with enclosures,
has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle
Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the
FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she
was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for
her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot
comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



- 1 - Chicago - Enclosure
- 1 - Indianapolis - Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Holmes was a security
informant who publicly testified in 1963. Subsequent to her discontinuance
as an informant she exhibited traits of instability. Recently it was necessary
to admonish her to desist from making untrue statements which were a
source of embarrassment to this Bureau. She had alleged that the FBI
wanted her to enter into an affair with a CP functionary and to delete refer-
ences from her reports as to Castro being a communist. She denied
making these statements and claimed that they had arisen from a mis-
understanding.

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Date: May 17, 1966

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED]

RE : LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT - CHICAGO DIVISION
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] LOUIS LOMAX TV Show, KTTV-TV, phone HO 2-7111, on 5/16/66, advised the Los Angeles Division that LOLA HOLMES is scheduled to appear on the LOUIS LOMAX TV Show on Tuesday, 5/17/66. The show will be taped on 5/17/66, for broadcast on Sunday, 5/22/66.

[REDACTED] stated that LOLA HOLMES, a Negro from Chicago, Ill., claims to have been an undercover agent for the FBI from 1957-1963. He stated she is a Negro who alleged she was a Communist Party member for seven years terminating her relationship with the Party when she testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board in Chicago on behalf of the Federal Government.

[REDACTED] noted that LOLA HOLMES who claims to be a member of the John Birch Society will tell Mr. LOMAX and his television audience that the Civil Rights Movement is a Communist movement; that because of her past relationship as an undercover agent for the FBI, she is now excluded from Civil Rights organizations, etc. [REDACTED] stated he was interested in determining whether or not LOLA BELLE HOLMES ever was an undercover agent for the FBI. He was advised that the files of the FBI are confidential and he readily stated that he appreciated the position of the FBI in matters

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such as this. He^{was} apprised that LOLA BELLE HOLMES testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in Chicago in May and June 1965 and her sworn testimony before a public session of the HCUA is set forth in the HCUA booklet entitled "Communist Activity in the Chicago, Illinois, Area - Part 1."

It should be noted that LOUIS LOMAX, a controversial TV personality, apparently has views diametrically opposed to those of HOLMES because he has had representatives of the John Birch Society in the past where he has debated the issue of Communist infiltration into the Civil Rights Movement.

Efforts will be made to monitor the show and any information believed to be of interest to the Bureau will be forwarded to the Bureau and Chicago Division for information.

[REDACTED]
Glendora, California
May 1, 1966

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir;

I am a student at Glendora High School; and a debate has arisen in my U.S. History class as to the capacity in which Miss Lola Belle Holmes worked with the F.B.I..

My teacher claims that no woman has ever been an F.B.I. agent. I am under the understanding however, that she was solicited by the F.B.I. to act as a undercover agent within the Communist Party from 1956 until 1963.

Would you clear up for us in what circumstances was Miss Holmes active with the F.B.I.? If she is as she claims, where can I get a copy of her testimony before the Subversive Activities Control Board (Illinois Report) and the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities?.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Glendora, California 91740

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 23rd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. She was not an employee of this Bureau. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Regarding your request for a copy of her testimony, you may wish to write to the Chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board, 811 Vermont Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20005 and Honorable Francis J. McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Chicago - Enclosure
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NOTE: Correspondent is unidentifiable in Bufiles. Holmes was a security informant who publicly testified in 1963. After her discontinuance as an informant she displayed signs of emotional instability and it was necessary to admonish her to desist from making untrue statements that were embarrassing to the Bureau. She had alleged the FBI wanted her to enter into an affair with a Communist Party Functionary and to delete references from her reports as to Castro being a communist. She denied these statements and claimed they had arisen from a misunderstanding.

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THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

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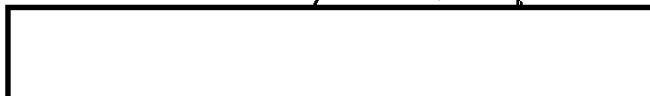


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Get  Chirpy

Learn the Truth About Civil Turmoil from Lola Holmes, a former FBI agent who specialized in creating it while serving as a counterspy inside the Communist Party.

Every American concerned about his future and the kind of country in which his children will live must understand what is behind the civil turmoil that openly threatens "a hundred Watts" this coming summer.

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Baby
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The fire next time is the rallying cry of many of the leaders of the so-called "civil rights" movement. The fire started in Harlem in 1964, spread to Watts in 1965 and a comedian-civil rights leader promises it will explode into "a hundred Watts" in 1966.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

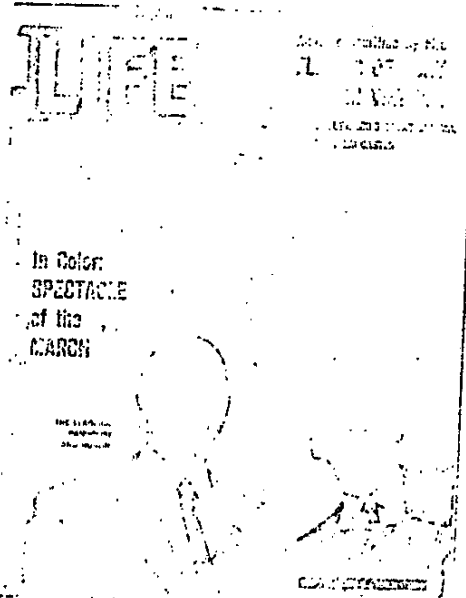
One of the behind the scenes torch bearers is Claude Lightfoot. The F.B.I. had Lola Holmes testify at a government hearing in 1963 against Lightfoot, a vice president of the Communist Party, who is working to create hatred by exploiting racial tensions. Miss Holmes reveals that these criminals are exploiting millions of well-meaning but uninformed Americans in the "civil rights movement."

BAYARD RUSTIN

In her speech, Lola Holmes describes her role in creating the famous March on Washington in 1963 and the key part played by the Communists in its inception. The individual put in charge of organizing the March was Bayard Rustin who has a long record of Communist activities.

Washington march

Leadership for the March on Washington was put into the experienced hands of A. Phillip Randolph and Bayard Rustin. Randolph, a former Socialist Party Candidate for political office, has been a member of 20 Communist front organizations according to official government records. Rustin was an organizer for the Young Communist League, served 26 months in a Federal penitentiary for draft evasion, attended the Communist Party's national convention in 1958 while he was Martin Luther King's secretary and pleaded guilty to a homo sexuality charge in Pasadena, California. (Cong. Rec. Aug. 7, 1963)



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TACT IS FOR CIVIL RIGHTS WITHOUT CIVIL TURMOIL

IS THE "CIVIL RIGHTS" MOVEMENT DIRECTED FROM THE KREMLIN?

For the Answer HEAR

Lola Belle Holmes

Subject

"Why I Became a Communist for the F.B.I."



Lola Holmes, a negro, devoted seven years of her life to working within the Communist Party for the F.B.I. While in the Communist Party, Miss Holmes carried out Moscow orders to gain control of the "civil rights" movement and to use it as the torch to light a fire of revolution in America.

Her energy and ability quickly propelled her into top leadership positions in the Party where she served as a national officer for the Negro Commission of the Communist Party. Lola Holmes left the Party in 1963 to testify before the Subversive Activities Control Board against Claude Lightfoot, Chairman of the Communist Party in Illinois.

Learn why this patriotic woman, who has already given seven years of her life to exposing communism for the F.B.I. is now working night and day warning her fellow Americans of the halocaust that awaits them if they do not learn of communist plans for victory in America through civil turmoil.

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Date: May 25, 1966

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Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED]

RE : LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT
CHICAGO DIVISION
INFO CONCERNING
INFORMATION
Reference
Re Los Angeles airtel 5/17/66.

Referenced airtel disclosed that LOLA BELLE HOLMES was scheduled to appear on the LOUIS LOMAX TV Show on Tuesday, 5/17/66, for taping and for subsequent viewing on 5/22/66.

On 5/22/66, the LOMAX Show which appears at 10:30 P.M. on KTTV-TV, Channel 11, was viewed by SA JOHN S. TEMPLE. HOLMES did not appear on the program as scheduled but during the course of the program it was announced that a former counterspy for the FBI would appear on the JOE PYNE TV Show on KTTV-TV, on Tuesday, 5/24/66.

On 5/24/66, the JOE PYNE Show was broadcast on KTTV-TV at 11:00 P.M. LOLA BELLE HOLMES was introduced as a guest and identified as a former undercover agent for the FBI having joined the Communist Party in 1957 where she remained until 1963 at the request of the FBI. LOLA BELLE HOLMES was extremely well dressed and well groomed. She exhibited a forceful personality, was direct and positive in her statements. She wore dark glasses throughout the interview which terminated at 12:00 midnight.

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HOLMES stated she was one of the top officers of the Communist Party in the state of Illinois and was Chairman of the National Caucus of the Negro Commission. She claimed credit for the March on Congress. She stated she was a member of the Negro American Labor Council. She acknowledged she is currently engaged as a speaker for the American Opinion Speakers Bureau and is currently speaking under the auspices of TACT - Truth About Civil Turmoil. There is being furnished herewith for the information of the Bureau, Chicago, and Atlanta Divisions, a Xerox copy of a typical piece of literature distributed by TACT.

Miss HOLMES stated she was a member of the John Birch Society and proud of it. She claimed former acquaintanceship with W. E. B. DU BOIS and claimed the Du Bois Clubs of America were Communist controlled. She alleged that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING is surrounded by "reds" and under their control. MARTIN LUTHER KING has done more to aid the Communist cause than a paid Communist, according to Miss HOLMES. The Congress of Racial Equality is also Communist dominated, according to Miss HOLMES, but she would not say that JAMES FARMER was a Communist Party member or under Communist Party domination. She acknowledged having been paid by the FBI for services rendered by her.

Miss HOLMES told the audience she had been brought up in the struggle for integration and she had integrated the John Birch Society and now she is in a position to serve her people, her country and her God. She pointed out there was a strong Communist caucus in the National Council of Churches. She told the audience that the words "police brutality" is a phrase used by Marxist-Leninists. She stated she is a living witness of what the JBS is doing for Civil Rights and human dignity. Outside of the FBI and the HCUA the JBS is doing more for the Negro than any other organization in America, according to Miss HOLMES.

John Birch Society House Committee on Un-American Activities

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Miss HOLMES concluded her television appearance on the JOE PYNE Show by stating flatly, "The Negroes need Whites much more than the Whites need the Negroes" or words to that effect. Certain members of the audience did not agree with her comments.

The foregoing is being furnished to the Bureau, Chicago and Atlanta Divisions for information and no further action in this matter is contemplated by the Los Angeles Division.

SAC, Chicago

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Director, FBI

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ReLA airtel 5/25/66.

Referenced communication concerning Holmes' television appearance in Los Angeles on 5/24/66 relates that she claimed credit for the "March on Congress." Holmes did not elaborate, identify or further comment regarding this march.

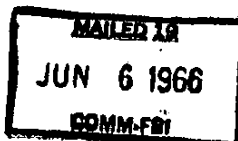
Bufiles disclose Holmes attended the Negro American Labor Council Workshop held in Washington, D. C., between 2/17-18/61; however, no reference to a "March on Congress" is mentioned therein.

You are requested to review your file regarding Holmes in an effort to identify the aforementioned march. Advise Bureau of the results.

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NOTE:

Referenced LA airtel relates information concerning former Chicago informant Lola Belle Holmes' television appearance on 5/24/66 at Los Angeles, wherein Holmes among other statements, remarked she claims credit for the "March on Congress." She did not comment further regarding said march. Chicago requested to attempt to identify this march in order that this information will be available to the Bureau should inquiry be received regarding same.



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June 14, 1966

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C. 20036

Mr. Director:

Recently our radio and television programs have had a lady by the name of Mrs. Holmes. She claims to have worked for you in Chicago doing undercover work in her position as a member of the Communist party central committee in that city.

I would like to know if she ever did, in fact, work for you and if she did, did she file a report, and if so, may I have a copy?

Thank you for your time, keep up the good work--dispite the hindering decisons of the Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

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Downey, California 90241

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 14th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. She was not an employee of this Bureau. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Regarding your request for a copy of her testimony, you may wish to write to the Chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board, 811 Vermont Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20005, and Honorable Francis J. McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. 20515.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Chicago - Enclosure
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Holmes was a security informant who publicly testified in 1963. After her discontinuance as an informant she displayed signs of emotional instability and it was necessary to admonish her to desist from making untrue statements which were embarrassing to the Bureau. She had alleged the FBI wanted her to enter into an affair with a CP functionary and to delete references from her reports as to Castro being a communist. She denied making these statements and claimed they had risen from a misunderstanding.

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Educational Consultants

Glendale, California 91202

June 14, 1966

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Washington D. C.

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Gentlemen:

A Miss Lola Belle Holmes was on a radio program here in the Los Angeles area early this morning. (KLAC).

Could you verify for me, the fact that she was a "counter-spy" and "under cover agent" for the F. B. I. and had worked herself into the hierarchy of the Communist party.

She stated that she has been a member of the John Birch society for the past eight months and is at present writing a book in which she will "name names of prominent people never before named" who have wittingly or otherwise been of assistance to the Communist party.

Thank you.

Yours truly

(/s/

[Redacted Signature]

(Teacher, Los Angeles City Schools)

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Oceanside, California 92024

Dear 

I received your letter of June 14th.

With respect to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. She was not an employee of this Bureau. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER [REDACTED]

Re Bureau letter, dated 6/7/66; and Los Angeles airtel, dated 5/25/66.

Chicago files re HOLMES contain no information re a "March On Congress." It is noted, however, that in the literature of Truth About Civil Turmoil, which accompanied referenced Los Angeles airtel, mention was made of the march on Washington, held in 8/63 and that HOLMES played a role therein. It is further noted that in a letter directed to President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, dated 8/2/64, a copy of which was forwarded to Chicago by the Bureau, HOLMES also made reference to the 8/63 march on Washington. She stated on page 3 thereof that while a Vice President of the Negro American Labor Council, she had presented the idea of a march on Washington D.C. to A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, who later in fact, acted as one of the march leaders.

It is suggested that the "March On Congress" as contained in referenced airtel, was erroneous and that HOLMES actually was referring to the march on Washington, D.C., held 8/63.

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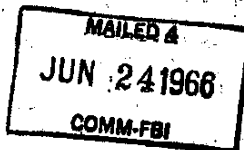
Los Angeles, California 90041

Dear

I received your letter on June 21st and I want to thank you for your kind wishes and thoughtfulness in writing.

With respect to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. She was not an employee of this Bureau. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

I am enclosing some material on communism which you requested and I hope it will be of interest.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)
Domestic Intelligence
Statement on Communism, 7-15-62

NOTE: Last outgoing to correspondent was dated 11-1-62. Holmes was a security informant who publicly testified in 1963. After her discontinuance as an informant she displayed signs of emotional instability and it was necessary to admonish her to desist from making untrue statements that were embarrassing to the Bureau. She had alleged the FBI wanted her to enter into an affair with a Communist Party Functionary and to delete references from her reports as to Castro being a communist. She denied these statements and claimed they had arisen from a misunderstanding.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F. B. I.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir!--

Speaking in our city of Los Angeles Calif, has been a lady named Lola Belle Holmes who says she worked for the F. B. I. for seven years, exposing communism. I heard this lady speaking on the subject Why I Became a communist for the F. B. I. which I would say was well done. Now I have read and heard this lady has not worked for the F. B. I. would you please notify me if this is true or not true. I feel if she didn't the F. B. I. would not allow her to say so.

Has been some four years since I have wrote you and I do hope you are in good health.

I would be pleased if you would send me some thing on commuism, I have a great fear of this, but have heard many times it can not happen here.

In closing may I say God Bless you Sir.

/s/

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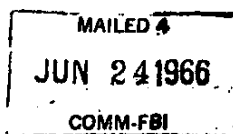
Dear [Redacted]

The postal card of June 19th from you and [Redacted] has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. She was not an employee of this Bureau. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondents. Holmes was a security informant who publicly testified in 1963. After her discontinuance as a security informant she displayed signs of emotional instability and was admonished as to making untrue statements embarrassing to the Bureau. She alleged the FBI wanted her to enter into an affair with a Communist Party functionary and to delete references from her reports as to Castro being a communist. She denied these statements claiming they had arisen from a misunderstanding.
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Dear Sir:

A Lola Bell Holmes
I believe that is her name has
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quested to join the Communist
Party as an informer to the
F B I. She further states
that she is now a Member of
the John Birch Society.
Please advise me if her conn-
ection with the F B I is
correct and I am wondering if
perhaps she is now with the
John Birch Society to inform
the F B I with regard to this
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Please advise me as I
do not want to accept her
unless I have proof of her
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woman)

San Diego, Calif. 91208

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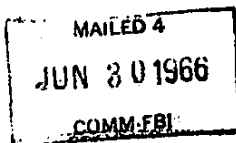
Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 22nd has been received.

(1) In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Correspondent was the victim of an extortion case during 1964; however, evidence in this matter was inconclusive, and the Assistant United States Attorney in San Diego declined to authorize prosecution. Miss Holmes was a security informant who publicly testified during 1963. After she was discontinued as an informant, she displayed signs of emotional instability, and it was necessary to admonish her to cease making false statements which have been embarrassing to the Bureau. She has alleged the Bureau desired her to enter into an affair with a Communist Party Functionary and to delete references from her reports as to Castro's being a communist. She has denied these statements claiming they have arisen as a result of a misunderstanding.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir:

We have in Southern Calif a woman using the name of Loula Bell Holmes who claims to be a former communist member employed by the F.B.I. as a informer

She is now making speaking engagements through out southern Calif as a John Birch Society paid speaker

There are so many things in her talks that makes her unbelievable.

She is also a colored woman and is causing a great unrest among the colored people which we do not need at this time.

My question. Was she ever a member of the communist party? Was she ever paid employee of the F.B.I.?

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely Yours

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[Redacted Address Box]

Downey, California 90241

Dear [Redacted Name Box]

Your letter was received on July 5th.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Chicago - Enclosure
- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure

NOTE: Our only outgoing to correspondent was dated 6-22-66 in response to his inquiry regarding Lola Belle Holmes. He was advised of her role in furnishing information on subversive activities, and she was not an employee of the FBI and that the Director could not comment further concerning her.

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EX 102
September 12, 1966

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Honorable G. Robert Watkins
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I received your letter of September 6th,
with enclosures. The latter are being returned.

In response to your request, you may wish
to advise your constituent, [redacted] that
Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive
activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to
1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau,
she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my
long-standing policy I cannot comment further concerning
Miss Holmes.

Regarding [redacted] inquiry concern-
ing Miss Holmes' documented evidence given to the FBI,
information contained in the files of the FBI must be main-
tained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Depart-
ment of Justice. However, copies of her public testimony
may be obtained by writing to the Chairman of the Subversive
Activities Control Board, 811 Vermont Avenue, Northwest,
Washington, D. C. 20005, and Honorable Francis J.
McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American
Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.
20515.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Cordial relations have been maintained with Representative Watkins.
Bufiles reflect no identifiable information with [redacted]
Miss Holmes was a security informant who publicly testified during 1963. She
was discontinued as an informant after displaying signs of emotional instability.

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Congress of the United States
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I enclose letter which I received from [redacted]

[redacted]
Pennsylvania, together with the article from the
Delaware County Daily Times of 26 August, 1966.

If there is any information which you can
give me to pass along to [redacted] I will
appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Watkins
G. Robert Watkins
Member of Congress

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Delaware County Daily Times Aug. 26, 1966

AT CONSERVATIVE MEETING

Negro Hits Own Race

MIDDLETOWN — A Negro woman who claimed to have been an FBI undercover agent for seven years charged Thursday night that the "Negro is going mad, and it is caused by the civil rights movement."

Lola Belle Holmes, told about 300 persons at a conservative meeting in the Holiday Inn:

- "The Negro is going mad, and it is caused by the civil rights movement. Their leaders are driving them to their own destruction. It is directed by the Kremlin."

- There are Communist clubs in every trade union local in the United States. "This is how the Communist Party is able to control the trade union movement."

- "The U.S. Justice Department is turning this country completely over to the Kremlin."

- Lawyers, teachers, doctors and ministers are the "financial backers, the angels, of the Communist Party."

Miss Holmes, who spoke at the John Birch Society's American Opinion Forum meeting, was especially critical of her own race.

"We as a race have done more to retard our progress than any white man ever did," the petite, middle-aged woman said.

"We have been lazy and complacent and given over to the theory that white is right."

"I want to work intelligently and compassionately for civil rights for all, not just Negroes."

"All we have to do is prove our worth and take advantage of our opportunities."

Miss Holmes said she was an FBI undercover agent in the Illinois Communist Party for seven years, starting in 1957.

Within the national party, she said, there is a "Negro Commission," from which all civil rights

turmoil — "the rioting, looting, killing and marches come."

"It is the arm of the Communist Party which is deciding your fate today."

Miss Holmes was challenged quietly — by one of several Negroes in the audience.

"I live in a decent law-abiding, church-going neighborhood," Grant Freeman, 616 W.

11th St., Chester, told her during the question-and-answer period which followed her talk.

"I know of many Negro groups who would like to hear from you. We don't have anything to do with this rioting. We don't have anything to do with all of that."

There was an outburst of applause.

Miss Holmes had said she had been "isolated, ostracized and degraded by the Communists and civil rights groups" and that Negro groups would not let her speak before them.

After Grant spoke, she replied he was the first Negro man who "had the nerve and courage to stand on your feet and speak the truth."

She said if she could find 50 more Negroes like him she could "save the country."

Miss Holmes promised Grant to come back to speak before a Negro group even if only two or three showed up.

During the question-and-answer session she was asked if Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a Communist.

"That's the \$64 question," she replied, then added: "I have documented evidence of his connections with the Communist Party but I am not permitted to name him."

She said she had given all her information of the civil rights leader to the "powers that be" in Washington but there was no reaction.

Miss Holmes said civil rights leaders such as King say

"Follow me. Let's demand. Let's march. Let's destroy. At no time do they say, Let's merge, let's build. They don't want us to build, only destroy!"

Miss Holmes said she joined the Communist Party at the request of the FBI and rose to become a member of the Illinois State Committee of the party.

She said she became the first female national vice president of the American Negro Labor Council which she said the Communist Party tried, but failed, to take over.

Miss Holmes said she surfaced in 1963 to testify against Communists in Illinois.

She said she was born in Waterproof, La., went North after high school, was in the "garment industry" for 16 years.

"Segregated schools did not hurt me at all," she said. "I learned just as much and had just as much fun as I would have in an integrated school."

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2260 House Office Building
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Dear Sir

May I have the documented evidence given
to the FBI by Lola Belle Holmes. I heard her
being interviewed on our local radio station and am
interested.

Thank you,



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Dear Sir,

I would appreciate some information from your department. The town of Joliet had as a radio guest a Miss Lola Mae Holmes, who has left us with the impression that Communism is a very serious threat to the government of this country and that we do not realize the strength of the Comm. party. She was a guest at a "Talk Back" program and available to some questions. By the way, she is publicizing herself as having worked for the F. B. I. I approached her with the question that since the F. B. I. is so nationally acclaimed as a very efficient and thorough organization, surely we as average citizens not involved in politics, should feel secure that it would make known any Communist who would attempt to secure a political office by election, etc. I also stated that I read an article which quoted Mr. J. E. Hoover as saying "there is no real Red threat to this country" - will you please comment on this - right or wrong? I hope our people who have this confidence in your service are not wrong to feel this way.

Many of us feel the Freedom of this country must be preserved, even to the extent of having to put up with people who are Communists - who make speeches and perhaps try to influence - but who cannot become powerful enough to hurt the Democracy of America -

Your information will be appreciated.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 12th has been received.

You may wish to know that Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

In response to your inquiry, I can assure you I did not make the statement, "There is no real Red threat to this country."

I am enclosing material I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!

Director's Statement Concerning the 18th National Convention, CP, USA

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Statement attributed to the Director allegedly made in an unnamed article to the effect "there is no real Red threat to this country." Correspondent's reference to LolaMae

① Holmes is obviously a reference to Lola Belle Holmes, a former Security Informant who is speaking throughout the nation on Communism.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 3, 1966

The attached postcard with newspaper clipping "Ex-undercover agent speaks here Thursday," was sent to the Director from [redacted]

Handwritten on the postcard is the following:

"Fresno Shopping Guide 9/26/66."

"Agent or impersonation? Virgil Byxbe"

Bureau files reflect Lola Belle Holmes was a security informant who publicly testified during 1963. After she was discontinued as an informant, she displayed signs of emotional instability, and it was necessary to admonish her to cease making false statements which were embarrassing to the Bureau.

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**Ex-undercover
agent speaks
here Thursday**

A public address on "Why I Became a Communist for the FBI" by Lola Belle Holmes of Chicago is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday in the Fresno Realty Board building at 4315 East Clinton Ave.

A native of Waterproof, Louisiana, Miss Holmes has resided in Chicago for the past 25 years and has been active in a number of civil rights groups. Her role as an undercover agent was revealed in 1963, when she testified at hearings held in Chicago by the Subversive Activities Control Board.

She says that the Communist Party works to agitate, propagandize and control various civic rights and peace organizations as a means to achieve civil turmoil.

Miss Holmes' appearance in Fresno is sponsored by the Fresno, Clovis and Fig Garden committees of TACT - Truth About Civil Turmoil. She recently spoke at a series of meetings in the Southern California area.

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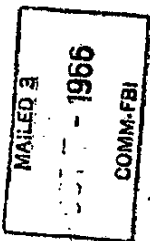
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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of September 28th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1958 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Correspondent neglected to furnish her husband's first name. Miss Holmes was a security informant who publicly testified in 1963. After she was discontinued as an informant, she displayed emotional instability and it has been necessary to admonish her to cease making false statements embarrassing to the Bureau.

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Sept. 28, 1966

J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the FBI
Washington, D. C. 20402

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Dear Sir:

Recently I had the privilege of hearing Miss Lola Belle Holmes speak on the communist infiltration in to the Negro civil rights movement. She was such an outstanding speaker and made quite an impression on the audience as a whole, except the members of the NAACP who were there. They questioned, argued, and tried to belittle her and the work wh had done. For myself, I would like to know if she worked for the FBI and if so, when she started and when she stopped, if that is possible. Could you send me this information, Please?

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Dear [redacted]

I received your communication on October 3rd.

In response to your request, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,

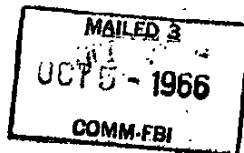
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 11th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, the January 8, 1966, issue of "The Washington Post" contained an article reporting the John Birch Society had formed a group called TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil). The FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society, and it is contrary to my policy to furnish the type of evaluation you requested.

Information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. Copies of the public testimony of Miss Lola Belle Holmes are available, however, and may be obtained by writing to the Chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board, 811 Vermont Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20005, and the Honorable Francis J. McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Sincerely yours, *V*

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI from 1956 to 1963, when she publicly testified. She was discontinued as an informant after displaying signs of emotional instability. Truth About Civil Turmoil is a nation-wide campaign sponsored by the John Birch Society to capitalize on white resentment of the civil rights movement.

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Dear Sir:

I read in the papers about Miss Lola Bell Holmes speech on the civil rights movement and communist. She spoke at a meeting for the Santa Clara Valley TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil). What is this organization call TACT ?

Sir, some of the things she said (see news clipping) about the civil rights movement, I find hard to believe. Miss Holmes said that the communist are " 199 per cent effective " in civil rights. Is this a fact or myth ?

I am not a member of any group or organization, but I am a concerned citizen. I am a student of law and if I hope to succeed, I must understand what is a fact and what is not. I can think of no one better than you to ask for the answer to some of these questions.

Sir, is it possible for me to receive a copy of her testimony on communist in the civil rights movement. I hope it is open to the public.

I hope that I am taking the right steps. Can you help?

Thank you

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Rights Drive Called Red Path To Glory by Ex-FBI Informer

By JIM LARIMORE
Mercury Staff Writer

"The civil rights movement is the instrument through which the Communist party will march to glory in a Soviet America," former FBI undercover agent and John Birch Society spokesman Lola Bell Holmes told a San Jose audience last night.

"They give the impression they are carrying the cause of liberation of Negroes, but they plan an attack on the United States with Negroes in the front rank," Miss Holmes said at a meeting held in Mary Ann Gardens auditorium, 901 Lincoln Ave.

Her appearance, attended by about 200 persons, was under the auspices of Santa Clara Val-

ley TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil).

The well-dressed crowd applauded when she responded to a written question from the audience by saying she was a "proud" member of the Birch Society.

Miss Holmes drew several rounds of applause as she flayed the civil rights movement in general and Dr. Martin Luther King in particular. "(He) collected millions. What has he done to put us to work?"; Berkeley ("You don't know which is man and which one is the woman"); and the War on Poverty ("It stinks").

A sturdy figure in a green dress, she defied contradiction because, "I can name names."

"Get out of the streets — stop marching and start negotiating," was her message to America's Negroes.

Earlier, Miss Holmes spoke of her childhood on a farm in Louisiana.

"I attended segregated grade and high schools and I don't think it hurt me at all. I learned just as much or more as in an integrated school," she said.

After coming to Chicago in 1940, she went to work in the garment industry and became active in union affairs.

Miss Holmes traced her disillusion with the Progressive Party of the late Henry A. Wallace and the Communists, then her subsequent recruitment by the FBI in 1956.

From 1957 to 1963, she said, she was an undercover agent, rising to prominence in the Negro-American Labor Council and in the Communist Party.

Her downfall came at the

hands of Claude Lightfoot, her Marxist-Leninist tutor and vice president of the U.S. Communist Party, and Florence Hall, whom she described as an organizer for the United Auto Workers. They were jealous of her fast rise, Miss Holmes said.

Her bitterest moment, she indicated, came when her own people turned their backs on her. After conceiving the 1963 March on Washington, she was not allowed to take part because of her anti-Communist testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee, Miss Holmes recalled.

"My goal is to dispel the myth Negroes are an inferior race," she declared. "I believe in true civil rights for all, under our Constitution. There is the greatest opportunity for advancement if we will only take advantage of this opportunity to prove our worth."

"We must move away from Uncle Tom to a new era of dignity, but we must earn it," she said.

In 1961, Miss Holmes said she warned the FBI of the "eventuality" the civil rights movement would turn to violence.

Answering a question from the floor, she said the civil rights movement "should go out of existence; it's doing too much harm." Black power has been "sold out" to communism.

Communists are "99 per cent effective" in civil rights, she added.

"At this time, I'm not permitted to attend any civil rights meeting. If it is not Communist controlled, why? And why does the NAACP try to stop me from

speaking?"

October 26, 1966

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 20th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Holmes was discontinued as an informant after displaying emotional instability. She publicly testified in 1963.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Lola Belle Holmes

I attended a meeting the other night where Mrs. Holmes was the guest speaker, her subject: I WAS A COMMUNIST FOR THE F. B. I. This was an interesting and informational discourse, well given, tho quite shocking. I am not one to doubt what seems to be the truth. I have friends who are more critical and doubtful when some of the dastardly things are brought to the surface. Most folks like to believe that Civil Rights programs are for decent, law-abiding citizens. I would appreciate hearing from you with regard to the past experiences of Mrs. Holmes. I have requested a copy of her speech which she said was on file in Washington.

Thank you kindly.

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JUSTICE DEPT, ATTN CARTHA D DELOACH, FBI

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cc: MR. WICK

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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YOUR TELEGRAM OF NOVEMBER SECOND RECEIVED.

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NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF THIS BUREAU SHE WAS COMPENSATED
FOR HER SERVICES. IN KEEPING WITH LONG-STANDING
POLICY, I CANNOT COMMENT FURTHER CONCERNING
MISS HOLMES.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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MISS HOLMES.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

January 12, 1967

ST 117

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of January 6th.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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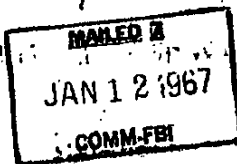
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Jan. 6, 1966

Gentlemen,

Sometime during the month of March, the John Birch Society will sponsor a negro woman speaker by the name of Lolabelle Holmes, who was supposedly a counterspy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation until recently, investigating Communist activities in the Civil Rights movement and other fields.

I am interested in receiving information showing that Miss Holmes is a valid authority on this subject as is claimed. Would it be possible for you to send verification of this fact?

A reply as quickly as possible would be appreciated.

Yours truly,



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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 14th and enclosure have been received.

In response to your inquiry regarding Miss Lola Bell Holmes, she furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. Your enclosure is being returned.

With reference to your other request, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I am sure you can understand the reasons for such a policy.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

Circular - TACT - Truth About Civil Turmoil

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. "The Grapes," by Gary Allen, is being disseminated by American Opinion, Belmont, Massachusetts, an arm of the John Birch Society.

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LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER [redacted]

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Reurlet 1/27/67.

Pursuant to your request in relet the following
is background information concerning captioned individual:

Lola Belle Holmes was a Chicago security informant from 1956 to January, 1963. She is a 44-year-old Negro. As an informant, she became a member of the Communist Party of Illinois and held leadership positions. Also she became Vice President of the Negro-American Labor Council which has been the subject of a security investigation. In January, 1963, she testified on behalf of the Government at hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board in the membership case of Claude Lightfoot, a leader in the Illinois District of the Communist Party. At the time of her testimony she was cautioned by the Chicago Office to be truthful and factual in any statements she might make including those in the future as a public figure. She has become a member of the John Birch Society and has made a number of public appearances. On one occasion she made an unfounded statement concerning the FBI for which she was admonished. She claims credit for assisting in the creation of a march on Washington in 1963.

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NOTE:

The Phoenix Office furnished the Bureau with a copy of a circular entitled "Tact,"- Truth About Civil Turmoil which promoted Lola Belle Holmes and her fight against communism. Phoenix requested a resume of Holmes to complete their files.

The Bureau has received previous copies of "Tact." "Tact" is a John Birch Society circular. Holmes does not represent herself as a former Special Agent. She has been advised not to misrepresent her former relationship with the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/27/67

FROM : *MR* SAC, PHOENIX

SUBJECT: *117*
LOLA BELLE HOLMES
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Enclosed for the Bureau is one Xerox copy of a brochure issued by TACT in connection with subject's recent appearance in Phoenix, Arizona, it being noted that this brochure describes subject as a "former FBI Agent."

The Bureau is requested to furnish the Phoenix Office a resume concerning subject.

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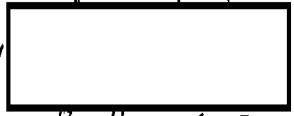
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YOUR TELEGRAM OF JANUARY TWENTY-SEVEN RECEIVED.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/10/67

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: LOLA BELLE HOLMES

FORMER

CONF. INET.

For the information of the Bureau in event of future inquiry, LOLA BELLE HOLMES has moved from the Chicago area and currently resides at 4559 Garfield, St. Louis, Missouri.

For the information of St. Louis, HOLMES was an informant of the Chicago Division from 1956 to 1963. She was a member of the CP of Illinois from August, 1957, until January, 1963, when she voluntarily appeared as a witness for the government against CP of Illinois Chairman CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT at a SACB hearing at Chicago.

During 1966 she has appeared publicly as a speaker for the American Opinion Speakers Bureau and/or the John Birch Society.

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Dear [redacted]

[redacted] I received your letter, with enclosure, on January 30th.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

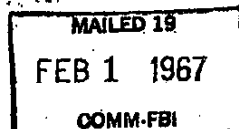
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No previous correspondence.

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NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D. C.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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(3) NOTE: We have had prior cordial correspondence with [redacted]
last outgoing 6-8-66. Address per prior outgoing. Claude Lightfoot
is of course a communist well-known to the Bureau and a graduate
of the Lenin School in Moscow. No further elaboration is being given
her concerning Subversive Activities Control Board since she may
write directly to it regarding any inquiries she may have.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (100-1)
RE: LULABELLE HOLMES
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For the information of the Bureau, a local source at Farmington, N.M., advised that LULABELLE HOLMES who is reportedly associated with an organization called TACT is scheduled to give a speech at Hermosa Junior High School, Farmington, N.M., on 2/18/67. The speech is reportedly entitled, "I was a Communist for the FBI" and "How the Civil Rights Movement is Controlled by the Kremlin".

Albuquerque indices negative on TACT. The only reference to subject is a New York report for CP USA.

March 15, 1967

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of March 8th.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Gentlemen:

On Tuesday the 7th of March, a certain Loyella Holms spoke before the student body of the College of Southern Utah. A Negro lady of obvious dignity, she claims to have been an undercover agent for the F.B.I. and that she exposed several "big shots" of the communist party in America--a Claude somebody to name but one.

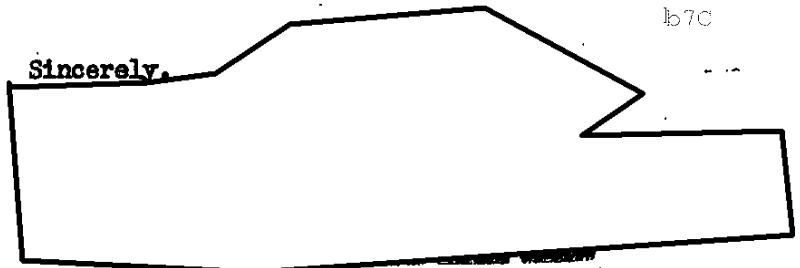
She also enlightened us as to the possible ulterior motives of one Dr. M.L. King and gave us the "real dope" on Bettina whatsher-name on Berkeley campus.

Miss (Mrs. Holms?) claims to have several speaking engagements in the future of similar content. I have no grounds to question the validity of her claims other than it would seem to me that her life would be, perhaps, in jeopardy and that reason would tend to make me believe that she is a valuable person and that the government would be wise in keeping her rather incognito. However, I am probably wrong so am asking for confirmation of her assertions along with some additional data regarding her achievements and accomplishments.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 17th.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Copies of the public testimony of Miss Holmes may be obtained by writing to the Chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board, 811 Vermont Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20005, and the Honorable Francis J. McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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3-17, 1967
Salt Lake City, Utah

F.B.I.
J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I attended a meeting last night in which Lola Belle Holmes Spoke about the communists in the USA & Communism. She stated she was an undercover agent for the FBI from 1956 until 1963.

I wonder if I might be able to obtain a copy of her testimony when she surfaced or any other evidence of this.

If I've written to the wrong place would you Please *forward this letter to someone who could help me.* Thank you. *7/2*

Sincerely

/s/

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March 27, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 27, 1967 has been received.

It is a pleasure to hear of your interest in "Masters of Deceit." Perhaps you will also want to read another of my books, "A Study of Communism," which is a detailed analysis of international communist practices and compares their subversive methods with life in a free country. A copy may be available in your local library.

Miss Lola Belle Hobbs furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963.

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Miscellaneous

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My wife and I heard a woman, Miss Lola Belle Holmes, speak in Salt Lake City on March 14, 1967 on "Why I Became a Communist." Literature at the lecture hall said she was "a former F. B. I. Agent."

We are concerned about some of the statements she made, particularly since a later television news report had her saying that she had not been an F. B. I. Agent, but instead an informer for the F. B. I. What connection did she have with the F. B. I.? Is she regarded by the F. B. I. as a person who was in a position to speak authoritatively on the infiltration of communism into Civil Rights movements?

Finally, we would like to mention some specific statements she made. She spoke sarcastically of Chief Justice Earl Warren; she accused Walter Reuther of being a communist; she said the United Auto Workers union was communist controlled; she said the International Union of Mines, Mills, and Smelters was communist controlled; and she said all the Civil Rights organizations were communist controlled. And she said that when she says "communist controlled" she means "99.9% communist controlled." How truthful are these statements?

We would be interested in knowing how great the communist influence is in America today, particularly in the Civil Rights movements. We have your book, "Masters of Deceit," and wonder if there is a comparable book available now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear



Your letter of March 26th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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March 26, 1967

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Recently a local civic group sponsored the appearance of a Miss Lola Belle Holmes in Tucson to speak on her experiences in the C.F.U.S.A.. Miss Holmes was billed as a former agent of the F.B.I.

Since that time there has been some controversy over whether Miss Holmes had or had not ever held the position of agent with the Bureau. Would you please advise me as to the truth of the matter?

Sincerely yours.

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April 19, 1967

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

We recently attended a speech in Omaha on April 16 given by Miss Lola Belle Holmes concerning Communist influence in the civil rights movement.

What was the period of time in which she was employed by the FBI, what was her position with you, and did she testify before any Congressional committees? Also, do you consider her a reliable source of information on the civil rights movement?

As Americans we are thankful that a man such as you is Director of the FBI. We hope you never retire!

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 24th and want to thank you for the expression of confidence in my work and that of the FBI.

In response to your request, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. I would like to point out that I am not responsible for what Miss Holmes says. I am sure you will understand that it would not be proper for me to make any further comment.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Omaha - Enclosure

NOTE: Neither correspondent nor her husband is identifiable in Bufiles. Bufiles contain no record of the Omaha Truth About Civil Turmoil Committee.

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[REDACTED]
April 24, 1967

J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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About Civil Turmoil Committee and we recently brought in a speaker,
Miss Lola Belle Homes. She claimed to have been an undercover
agent or counterspy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to
have been under contract with the F.B.I. to become a member of
the Communist Party.

The newspaper report stated that an F.B.I. spokesman
denied that she was ever an employee of the F.B.I. or that she was
ever under contract. Therefore we would like some official answers
to the following questions as we feel an injustice was done to her by
the reporting and we are seeking to get a retraction from the newspaper:

Was she paid by the FBI?
Was she an undercover agent or operative?
And most important, was she under contract?

We would appreciate a reply on this as soon as possible
as it is very important for our work here. We have so many people
belittling the Communist Conspiracy and laughing at those of us who
tell the truth that we cannot afford to let inaccurate reporting like this
get by.

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Thank you and God bless you. We feel that we would
have lost this battle long ago if it were not for you and the F.B.I.

Yours truly,

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And most important, was she under contract?

He would appreciate a reply on this as soon as possible as it is very important for our work here. We have so many people belittling the Communist conspiracy and laughing at those of us who tell the truth that we cannot afford to let inaccurate reporting like this get by.

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Thank you and God bless you. We feel that we would have lost this battle long ago if it were not for you and the S. S. I.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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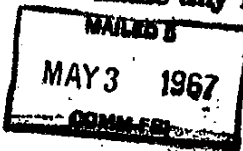
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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of April 29th.

In response to your request, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. I would like to point out that I am not responsible for what Miss Holmes says. I am sure you will understand that it would not be proper for me to make any further comment.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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[REDACTED]
April 29, 1967

Dear Gentlemen,

I am wondering if you could give me any information on a Miss Lola Holmes. She is a Negro F.B.I. agent who joined the communist Party for your organization. 5-1
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I am finding this out for my history class. So, any information you can send me will be appreciated.

Thank-you very much.

Sincerely,
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F. B. I.
Washington D.C.

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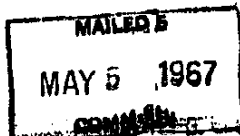
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your note of April 29th.

In response to your request, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles indicate a record of prior correspondence in response to requests for various information. Last outgoing dated 2-2-67.

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April 29, 1967.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Please let me know what years a Lola Belle Holmes,
a Chicago social worker, was an undercover agent.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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May 9, 1967



Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your letter of April 30th.

In response to your request, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. I would like to point out that I am not responsible for what Miss Holmes says. I am sure you will understand that it would not be proper for me to make any further comment.

Sincerely yours,

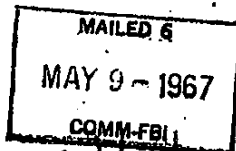
J. Edgar Hoover

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April 30, 1967
Farmland, Indiana.

J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

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I recently heard a speech by Mrs. Lola Belle Holmes. According to her she was an undercover agent in the Communist party, in the Civil Right Movement until 1963.

I would like to check the authenticity of her speeches.

Would appreciate any information you are able to send me in regard to her activities.

An interested Citizen.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Hoover,

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I realize that you are a very busy man, and it may even be stupid of me to impose upon you in this manner, but at this point I am both disgusted and frightened. This has to do with a T. V. program, - The Joe pyne Show - in Los Angeles on channel eleven. Just about a year ago a woman whose name was given as Lola Bell Holmes, a negro, appeared on the Joe pyne show as a guest. She stated that she had joined the communist Party and had worked with the F. B. I. to expose the communists, and said that she had testified before the House committee on un American Activities against the communist party. She gave an address that you could write and get information on what she had done. I wrote and I havent gotten an answer as yet, this was about a year ago. Tuesday Night May 9th another negro woman by the name of Julia Brown appeared on the pyne show and told the same story, and she was advertising a book that she is suppose to have written on the time she spent in the communist Party working for and with the F. B. I. Joe Pyne even read a paragraph from the cover of the book that was suppose to have been said by Mr. Philbrick, of I led three lives fame, this paragraph was one of praise for Julia Brown by Mr. Philbrick. This is the way Joe Pyne Introduced miss Brown, by telling the listening audience that Herb Philbrick had praised this lady and also, he said that on the cover of the book was a statement that miss Brown had made about working for the FBI that was proof of her claim. This is the thing that frightens me, 1 she said she was a member of the John Birch Society, 2 she said that the civil rights movement was Infiltrated by the communists and was working for the communist Party, 3 she said that Rev. M. L. King was a willing worker for the communist Party, she said that Rev. King may not be a communist but he willingly and knowingly work for their cause, had attended a communist school and had many many communist friends and associates. When she was asked if she could document these charges, she said she could, but of course she didnt. She was asked if she had made these charges in the book she had written, she was at a loss for words, and finally said that she reads so much literature that she had forgotten if she had made these charges in her book. She then made an attempt to joke about the matter by saying that she would have to read her book herself. It may seem a little silly but I feel that if she really did write the book and could document the charges she was making how did it happen that she did

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not know if she had made the same charges in her book, after all she was advertising the book, and being the Author of it she should have known its contents. It seem to me that if Joe pyne was going to allow this guest to smear Dr. King and the civil rights movement in the manner that she did, he should have demanded that she at least present proof of her charges and accusations. This is the second such woman that has appeared on pyne's show with the exact same story about working for the FBI - joining the communist Party, Being a member of the John Birch Society and saying the same things about Dr. King, and the civil Rights movement. There is one thing more that is strange, Joe pyne has a radio program also, and he spends a lot of his time speaking out against Dr. King and his attempts to bring men together in our country. With tension mounting in this country and with black and white men at each others throats it seem to me that if Mr. Pyne was concerned about his country and its People, he would have more constructive type programs that could bring about a better relationship and understanding among Americans. Instead of doing this he always manage to come up with some sort of discussion and guest that ends up in a Racial conflict. I know that Mr. Pyne makes his living doing T. V. and radio programs, he is famous, and I would not like to deny him the right to make a living, but I live here and after I saw what happened in Watts in 1965 I am aware of the fact that it is a very sad and dangerous thing when a person who does not have human beings welfare at heart has access to a radio microphone and a TV show. When a man speak on T. V. or Radio he is speaking to many people, and many Kinds of Individuals, this can be very dangerous, and I am afraid that the programs in southern california, especially these two way Radio shows are nothing but breeding places for hate. When the calls are slow or somewhat dull, the men on the Radio programs will interject a statement about Adam Clayton Powell, Dr. King or Stokely Carmichall or Muhammad Ali, and in a matter of minutes you can hear all kinds of hate being spewn for hours and hours. This probably makes dollars for the radio station but it only drives black and White Americans farther apart, and sometimes even lead to Violence and death. I know that people have the right to free speech and I dont Imagine anything can be done about the things I have mentioned but I sure would like to Know if there is any truth to What these two ladies said, Especially about working for the FBI. Please help me.

Respectfully,

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These people who scream and shouts about communism makes me sick, I love the American way of life, and I trust you and your men to take care of the commies and if you need me I am sure you will let me know. The reason I am writing is because I am a worried citizen who feels that the people in Calif. has somehow lost respect for our government, especially our supreme court.

May 19, 1967

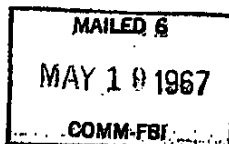
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 16th and want to thank you for your expression of confidence in my work and that of the FBI.

In response to your inquiries, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1956 to 1963. In addition, Mrs. Julia Brown furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1951 to 1960. Although neither was an employee of this Bureau, they were compensated for their services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning them.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent whose first name was obtained from the telephone directory. Joe Pyne is a well-known television entertainer and Herbert Philbrick is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of May 20th.

① In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Bell Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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B. J. Agents
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Dear Sirs:

Is it my privilege
to ask you a question?
I have my radio
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Holmes, a negro, is
being interviewed. She
says that for a
number of years
she became a
communist for service
to your organization!

CORRESPONDENCE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SEATTLE



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LOLA BELLE HOLMES, FORMER

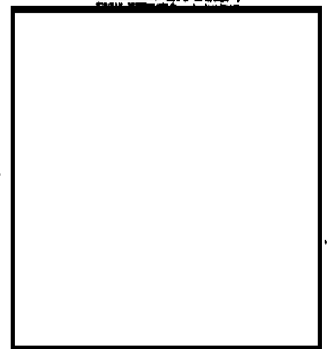


RE BUREAU RADIOGRAM DATED SIX TWELVE SIXTY-SEVEN
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June 16, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 10th has been received, and I want to thank you for your expression of confidence in my work and that of the FBI.

In response to your request, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Truth About Civil Turmoil (TACT) is well known to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/13/67

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FROM : SAC, SEATTLE [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
Former [REDACTED]

Re Seattle teletype to Bureau, 6/12/67.

Enclosed is a Xerox copy of a flyer regarding the appearance of LOLA BELLE HOLMES speaking at Hughes Auditorium, Gonzaga University (Spokane, Washington) on the subject, "Why I Became a Communist for the FBI". The same flyer was utilized for other appearances throughout the State of Washington and indicates that appearances were sponsored by TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil).

"The Longview Daily News", Longview, Washington, on May 23, 1967, under the caption "Communists Blamed for Rights Turmoil" by TED NATT, Daily News staff writer states, in part:

"TACT is a John Birch front organization . . .

"Miss Holmes is one of a number of John Birch Society - sponsored speakers touring the country. She has been in Washington since late April."

In addition to speaking on campuses at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington State University at Pullman, the University of Washington at Seattle, and Peninsula College, Port Angeles, and at the Edmonds Senior High School, Edmonds, LOLA BELLE HOLMES has spoken before other groups throughout the State, including the following cities: Bellevue, Bellingham, Longview, Mt. Vernon, Pasco, and Seattle.

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1 - Chicago (REG)
2 - Seattle
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The Chicago Office was furnished pertinent press
clippings concerning HOLMES as they were received.

IS THE "CIVIL RIGHTS" MOVEMENT DIRECTED FROM THE KREMLIN?

For the Answer HEAR

Lola Belle Holmes

Subject

"Why I Became a Communist for the F.B.I."

FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD



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Lola Holmes, a negro, devoted seven years of her life to working within the Communist Party for the F.B.I. While in the Communist Party, Miss Holmes carried out Moscow orders to gain control of the "civil rights" movement and to use it as the torch to light a fire of revolution in America.

Her energy and ability quickly propelled her into top leadership positions in the Party where she served as a national officer for the Negro Commission of the Communist Party. Lola Holmes left the Party in 1963 to testify before the Subversive Activities Control Board against Claude Lightfoot, Chairman of the Communist Party in Illinois.

Learn why this patriotic woman, who has already given seven years of her life to exposing communism for the F.B.I. is now working night and day warning her fellow Americans of the holocaust that awaits them if they do not learn of communist plans for victory in America through civil turmoil.

LOCALLY SPONSORED BY THE TACT COMMITTEES OF:

SHADLE PARK - 5-MILE - MEAD
CHATTAROY - DEER PARK - GARLAND

HUGHES AUDITORIUM
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY
(Behind Administration Building)

MONDAY, MAY 1st -- 8:00 P.M.
ONE DOLLAR DONATION AT THE DOOR

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I AGREE WITH TACT POSITION ON CIVIL RIGHTS AND
WISH TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:

- ☐ CONTINUE TO SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 1967 LECTURE PROGRAM
- ☐ PLEASE SEND AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR MY LOCAL COMMITTEE
- ☐ MY NAME CAN BE USED AS A SPONSOR OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE
- ☐ KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK — ENCLOSED IS \$_____ IN SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM

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REPLY TO: 1429 N. MONROE, SPOKANE, WASH. 99201

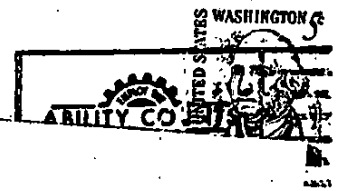
TRUTH ABOUT CIVIL TURMOIL

LOCAL

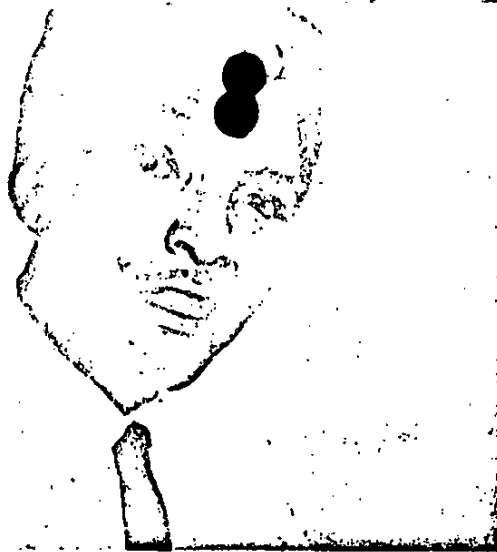
*Negro, Former F.B.I.
Agent, Speaks Out!!*

To _____

TACT: 1429 N. MONROE
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON 99201



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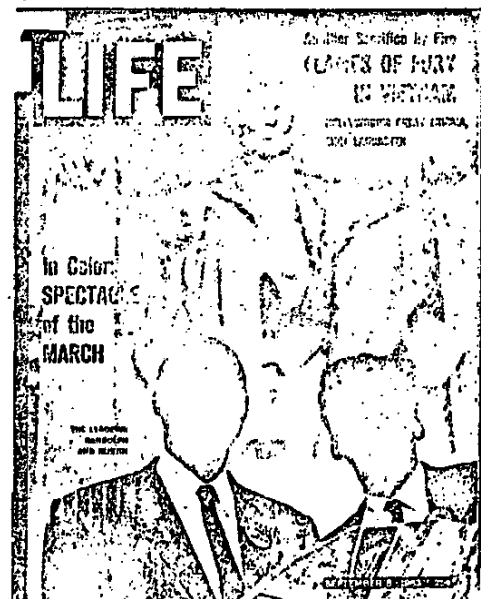


BAYARD RUSTIN

In her speech, Lola Holmes describes her role in creating the famous March on Washington in 1963 and the key part played by the Communists in its inception. The individual put in charge of organizing the March was Bayard Rustin who has a long record of Communist activities.

Washington march

Leadership for the March on Washington was put into the experienced hands of A. Phillip Randolph and Bayard Rustin. Randolph, a former Socialist Party Candidate for political office, has been a member of 20 Communist front organizations according to official government records. Rustin was an organizer for the Young Communist League; served 26 months in a Federal penitentiary for draft evasion, attended the Communist Party's national convention in 1958 while he was Martin Luther King's secretary and pleaded guilty to a homo sexuality charge in Pasadena, California. (Cong. Rec. Aug. 7, 1963)



TRUTH ABOUT CIVIL TURMOIL

WHAT IS A TACT COMMITTEE? — WHO SPONSORS TACT COMMITTEES? WHAT IS THE TACT PROGRAM?

TACT Committees are organized in your community by concerned local citizens for the sole purpose of helping their neighbors understand what is behind the riots, destruction and lawlessness of the so-called civil rights movements. We welcome all individuals who are truly interested in bettering racial relations through education and understanding to join with us in exposing this fraud that is turning American against American.

TACT IS FOR CIVIL RIGHTS WITHOUT CIVIL TURMOIL

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Burn Baby Burn

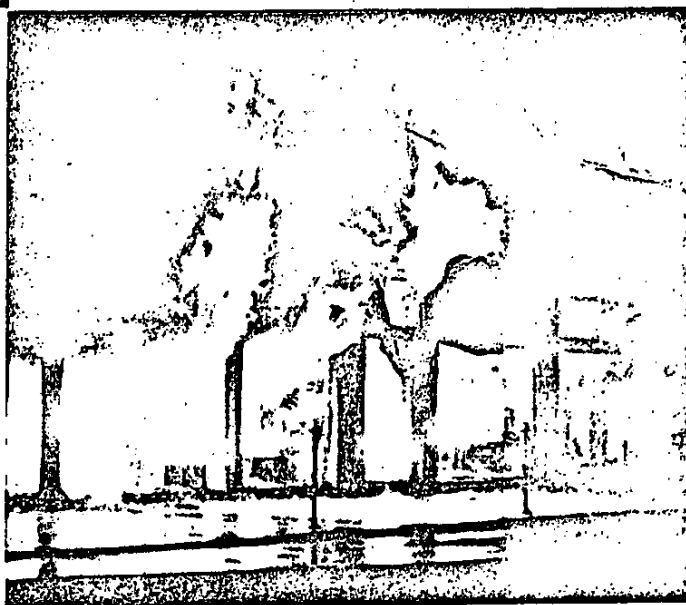
The fire next time is the rallying cry of many of the leaders of the so-called "civil rights" movement. The fire started in Harlem in 1964, spread to Watts in 1965 and a comedian-civil rights leader promises it will explode into "a hundred Watts" in the not too distant future.



Get Witty

Learn the Truth About Civil Turmoil from Lola Holmes, a former FBI agent who specialized in creating it while serving as a counterspy inside the Communist Party.

Every American concerned about his future and the kind of country in which his children will live must understand what is behind the civil turmoil that openly threatens "a hundred Watts" this coming summer.



CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

One of the behind the scenes torch bearers is Claude Lightfoot. The F.B.I. had Lola Holmes testify at a government hearing in 1963 against Lightfoot, a vice president of the Communist Party, who is working to create hatred by exploiting racial tensions. Miss Holmes reveals that these criminals are exploiting millions of well-meaning but uninformed Americans in the "civil rights movement".

June 23, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter of June 19th, with enclosure, and I am glad that you found my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations of interest.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her service. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning her.

I am enclosing some literature on communism which contain suggestions as to what we, as citizens, can do to combat communism. You may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into communist strategy and tactics both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)
Communism and the Knowledge to Combat It!
The Challenge of Leadership

NOTE: Bufiles indicate prior limited correspondence with [REDACTED] last outgoing dated 5-26-67.

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Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

June 17, 1967

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Thank you for sending me a copy of "FBI Appropriation 1968". I found it very interesting and informative. Most people have deep respect for the FBI. It is unfortunate that they do not take the time to find out why.

The comments in the report, pertaining to the John Birch Society, were to me, a little unexpected. Most comments made about this organization are emphatic denunciations.

However, I would appreciate knowing the objections to ex-FBI agents, who are no longer of any use to the FBI because their identity is known, lecturing to audiences about their experiences. In conjunction with this, I am sending a flyer, announcing the appearance of one such ex-FBI agent, Lela Belle Holmes, for your comments.

More than any other American, I respect your opinions regarding Communism and Mexicans. I am deeply concerned about our country and want to do something constructive to avoid the chaos which is rapidly overtaking us. What would you suggest?

Respectfully

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ENCLOSURE

CORRESPONDENCE

is the "civil rights" movement kremlin directed?



Lola Belle Holmes, a Negro, worked inside the Communist Party for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for seven years. During that time she carried out orders from Moscow to gain control of the "civil rights" movement and use it as the torch to light a fire of revolution in America.

The first woman national vice-president of The Negro American Labor Council, which she helped to organize in 1960, Lola Belle Holmes was also, during this period, a member of both the Illinois State Committee and the Illinois State Executive Board of the Communist Party, in addition to holding membership in the Party's Negro Commission.

In January, 1963, Miss Holmes "surfaced" to testify before the Subversive Activities Control Board in the Chicago hearings. She produced a wealth of documentation on Communists and Communist activities at that time. In May, 1965, she was the principal witness for the government at the hearings by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on Communist activities in the Chicago area. She identified 12 members of the Communist Party in Illinois.

In 1964 Miss Holmes was awarded the Citation of Distinguished Service to the United States for service beyond the call of duty by the Illinois Department of the American Legion.

Skilled in the rapid-fire verbal exchanges which are so characteristic of professional agitators and propagandists, she uses this ability in a devastating way in dealing with would-be hecklers in her public appearances. Lola Belle Holmes is a woman who knows from personal experience, the inner workings of the Communist Party, and who is using this hard-earned knowledge most effectively to educate her fellow Americans on the menace of Communism.

TOKHIEM CLUB HOUSE JUNE 27 8 P.M. DONATION \$1.50

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EMERGENCY ORGANIZATION

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Honorable Julia Butler Hansen
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Hansen:

I have received your letter of June 20th,
together with its enclosure, and certainly appreciate
the interest which prompted you to write.

With respect to your inquiry concerning
Claude Lightfoot, he has been known for many years as
a national leader of the Communist Party, USA. At the
present time he is Chairman of the Negro Commission,
Chairman of the Communist Party of Illinois, and a mem-
ber of the National Committee and the National Executive
Board of the Communist Party, USA.

Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished infor-
mation on subversive activities to the FBI on a confiden-
tial basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an
employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her
services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I
cannot comment further concerning her.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

FBI

NOTE: We have had prior limited correspondence with Mrs. Hansen,
last outgoing 11-21-66.

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JULIA BUTLER HANSEN
20 DISTRICT, WASHINGTON

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 20, 1967

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Mohr	✓
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Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Mr. Hoover,

We always thought that the security of the
United States is in your hands. But according to
this story from the Longview (Washington) Daily
News, it is in Claude Lightfoot's hands.

I would appreciate your comments on Mr. Lightfoot,
on Miss Lola Belle Holmes and on her remarks in this
article.

Yours most sincerely,

Julia Butler Hansen
Julia Butler Hansen, M.C.

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from 1957 to 1963 as an undercover agent, principally in the Chicago area. She says she was used in 1963 to testify against Negro Communists.

"SPEECH RAMBLES"

In a rambling two-hour speech, Miss Holmes said Communists are making "great headway" in this state and are "deeply embedded in your structure." She did not specify in which areas the "great headway" was being made nor did she specify identify which "structure" she was speaking of.

She charged that a man known as Claude Lightfoot, allegedly a Communist, holds the security clearance for the Illinois State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the United States, and said:

"Lightfoot and other Negro Communists have infiltrated civil rights organizations to create violence and turmoil, the speaker added.

Miss Holmes claims the Communists "took over" A. Philip Randolph, long-time leader of the Sleeping Car Porters Union and that Dr. Martin Luther King also sold out to the Communist conspiracy."

She said while she was a Communist leader in the civil rights movement the Communists were responsible for starting civil rights demonstrations in the Midwest.

In other comments, Miss Holmes claimed she originated the idea for the August 28th march in Washington, August 1963. She also claimed she organized the Chicago chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality. "I turned it over to the Communist Party," she said.

Miss Holmes added that Con-

munists "controlled California until Ronald Reagan took over." Among other allegations she made:

The Communists are directing the hippie movement on college campuses.

"There are so many Communists hiding behind the 5th Amendment (to the U.S. Constitution) that there isn't room for anyone else." And we ought "to take the 5th Amendment out of the Constitution to save this country."

"99.9 per cent of the news media is Communist controlled."

Negroes are pretending "whites create all our problems when we're creating our own problems." Negroes must forgive whites for past injustices, she said.

The Communists are trying to keep the Negroes "from having anything of our own."

Monday's invocation was given by El Duane Whitley, a Longview teacher and the moderator by the Rev. James Bell of Calvary Baptist Church.

TACT Committee member Dr. Allen Norman introduced the speaker.

Sathre told the audience that the meeting was the first of three planned by TACT locally. On June 19, TACT will present the John Birch Society documentary film "Anarchy U.S.A."; and in August, Peter Lanz, former Cuban air force chief, will speak. He is a member of the same speakers' bureau as Miss Holmes.

Sathre told The Daily News that "fundamentally, we don't hate anybody." He said TACT was organized to "expose the conspiratorial effort" in the civil rights movement. We opposed that, he said, because it has been going on in the

at no point did TACT or Miss Holmes outline a positive program or spell out any constructive proposals. Miss Holmes did not document any specific charge that any individual civil rights leader was a Communist.

Last week, Alfred Cowles, executive secretary of the State Board Against Discrimination told The Daily News, "We're as concerned with TACT as we are with the Black Muslims."

The fact it was an official state preaching an alliance with groups which are "anti-Semitic and Communist" is hardly the

July 5, 1967

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Honorable Julia Butler Hansen
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Hansen:

With respect to the inquiries contained
in your letter of June 29th, this Bureau has no evidence
Claude Lightfoot exercises any control, domination or
direction over anyone in the Federal Government.

Lola Belle
Miss/Holmes' comment to the effect that
Lightfoot "holds the security of the United States in his
hands" was her statement and I do not know her basis
for making it.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles disclose prior limited correspondence with Mrs. Hansen.
By letter 6-20-67 she forwarded a news clipping which reported Lola Belle
Holmes, who is well known to the Bureau, had made the statement that
Claude Lightfoot "Holds the security of the United States in his hands"
and requested the Bureau's comments on Mr. Lightfoot and Miss Holmes.
By letter 6-26-67 Mrs. Hansen was informed Lightfoot has been known
for many years as a national leader of the Communist Party, USA and was
advised of the positions he currently holds in the Communist Party.
She also was furnished information concerning Miss Holmes' association
with the FBI.

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Hi 3
JULIA BUTLER HANSEN
20 DISTRICT, WASHINGTON

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SUBCOMMITTEE:
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

June 29, 1967

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EXP. PROC.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, 40 JUN 30 1967
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Thank you very much for your letter of June 26, in response to my inquiry about Miss Lola Belle Holmes and Mr. Claude Lightfoot. I deeply appreciate your comments.

I would like to know, however, how deeply Mr. Lightfoot has infiltrated the federal government. Does he have direct relationships with persons who hold national security positions? Does he influence government personnel boards? What affiliation does he have with our government and where--if, as Miss Holmes implied, "he holds the security of this nation in his hands"? *AP*

Again, thank you for your comments.

Yours most sincerely,

Julia Butler Hansen
Julia Butler Hansen, M.C.

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Dear [redacted]

The letter of July 10th from you and your husband
has been received.

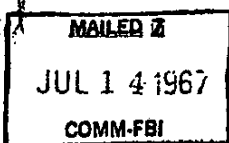
In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes
furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a con-
fidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee
of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping
with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning
her.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: On 1-2-65 correspondent and her husband directed a letter
to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. A copy of this
letter commending the Committee, the Director, and the FBI was
sent to the Bureau. Bulet of 1-11-65 thanked correspondents for their
support.

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[Redacted]

July 10, 1967

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Recently we heard a talk in our city by a negro woman named Lola Belle Holmes. We were quite impressed with her talk but are disturbed to hear lately that she is a "fake." Please let us know if she was really an under-cover agent for the F.B.I. and if what she says is reliable information.

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Sincerely,

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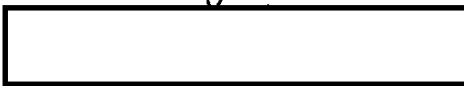
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August 7, 1967

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Dear 

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I have received your letter of July 30th, with enclosure.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning her.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. His enclosure is a self-addressed, stamped envelope which is being utilized for this reply.

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Sir:

A little information, Please.

One Lola Bell Holmes is making a speaking tour for TACTIC,
a subsidiary of the John Birch Society. She says that she was
for 6 1/2 yrs. an Investigator for your branch of Gov.

Would you please tell me if this statement is a Fact?

Thank you.

Self addressed envelope enclosed for your convenience

Yours,

EX 101

(interested citizen)

Philomath, Oregon 97370

EX 3

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CORRESPONDENCE

Director J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Office
Washington, D.C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 7-25-67

FROM : N. P. Callahan

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DATE 05-19-2009 BY 60322 UCLP/PLJ/JM

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages H9244-H9248. Congressman Rarick, (D) Louisiana, stated "the explosive literary work--'Communist Revolution in the Streets,' by Gary Allen-is a must for our fellow colleagues and every American who questions the 'why' and 'how' of the bloodshed, looting, and violence taking place on the streets and avenues today. Poverty and ignorance are far less the causation than education and subsidization by anti-American forces. Education against the dignity of man and exploitation of his individual liberty play a key role. I follow my remarks with a review from the book called 'The Plan To Burn Los Angeles.'" This article contains information reportedly furnished by Miss Lola Belle Holmes who it is claimed held positions in Communist

Party in Illinois. Miss Holmes was an informant from 1956 until 1963 per the Domestic Intelligence Division. The article also quotes the Director as having stated "that Stokely Carmichael, - - - 'has been in frequent contact with Max Stanford, field chairman of the Revolutionary Action Movement, a highly secret all-Negro, Marxist-Lennist, Chinese-Communist-oriented organization which advocates guerrilla warfare to obtain its goals.'" The article also quoted the Director concerning the Students for a Democratic Society and the DuBois Clubs.

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176 AUG 16 1967

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 7-24-67 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

57 AUG 22 1967

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 8/25/67

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Chicago is one copy each of an article appearing in the "San Francisco Chronicle," dated August 25, 1967. The article states that an NAACP official told a press conference yesterday that HOLMES had appeared on a late night talk show and slandered civil rights organizations and called them Communist inspired. It further states that as a result of the statements made by HOLMES, a communication had been sent to the FCC in Washington, D. C., complaining of racial discrimination.

This is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

A copy of this letter and newspaper article is being sent to the Chicago Office. From information appearing in the San Francisco file, it appears she is a former Chicago informant.

In connection with HOLMES' appearances in the area covered by the San Francisco Division, several inquiries have been made regarding her background and several favorable comments have been received by the office concerning her appearances in this area.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

NAACP Acts On Radio Man As 'Racist'

A complaint charging Oakland radio station KNEW, and specifically its late night talk show host, Pat Michaels, with racial discrimination and "racist attitudes" has been sent to the Federal Communications Commission in Washington by the local NAACP.

Ray Talliaferro, head of the Central City NAACP, told a press conference yesterday that the "proverbial last straw" was the appearance on Michaels' show Wednesday night of a guest whom he identified as Lulu Belle Holmes.

'SLANDER'

"She described herself as an undercover agent for the FBI," Talliaferro said, "and then slandered all civil rights leaders and organizations, calling them Communist-inspired and extortionists."

Talliaferro said the NAACP took particular umbrage at Michaels for calling Miss Holmes "one of America's great heroes."

He said the NAACP further claims in its protest to the FCC that Michaels does not grant equal time to opposing points of view or to possible participants who might disagree.

DIRECTOR

Paul Carroll, program director of KNEW, acknowledged that Michaels, a long-time radio personality, is a "conservative," but added that the station airs all points of view during its 160-hour-a-week of broadcasting.

The bulk of our programming is liberal," Carroll said, "and many of our people are 180 degrees away from Michaels. We encourage dissent."

Michaels joined the KNEW staff from Los Angeles a couple of months ago.

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

5 S.F. Chronicle

San Francisco, Calif.

Date: 8/25/67

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Editor: Chas. deYoung

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 Mr. Conrad ✓
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 Mr. Trotter ✓
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 Miss Holmes ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

September 15, 1967

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently a Lulu Bell Holmes visited Colorado Springs and made the statement that most civil rights organizations were under Communist domination. She also claimed that Roy Wilkins is a member of Seven Communist Front Organizations. What information does your office have concerning these charges? I am a member of the Executive Committee of the local NAACP chapter and such charges are very disturbing to us.

Mrs. Holmes also claims to have been a former member of the F.B.I. What information can you give us concerning her work with your organization?

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: Sept. 19, 1967

FROM : *lpm* SAC, Denver (62-0) /

SUBJECT: LULU BELL HOLMES
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached is a self-explanatory letter dated
September 15, 1967, from [redacted] upon whom Denver
indices are negative. [redacted]

It is suggested the Bureau may wish to acknowledge
this letter in view of the fact the Bureau has probably
received other inquiries concerning background of subject.

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September 21, 1967

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Peak Publications
Post Office Box 1113
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901

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Dear [Redacted]

In response to the inquiry in your letter of September 19th, I regret I am unable to furnish the data you have requested. Information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you will understand the necessity for this policy, and will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the individual you mentioned.

Concerning your other question, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. I am not responsible for what Miss Holmes says, and I am sure you will understand that it would not be proper for me to make any further comment.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
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1 - Denver (62-0)
Reurlet 9-19-67.

NOTE: Correspondent appears to be identical with individual who sent in a clipping which set out statements erroneously attributed to the Director. By outgoing letter 9-22-55 he was advised of the erroneous nature of the statements. We have not investigated Roy Wilkins, although there are numerous references to him in our files. In the 1930's he adhered to a communist line, and belonged to or was affiliated with several groups which have been cited by the Attorney General. Since the early 1940's he has followed a strong anti-communist policy.

JBT: [Signature]

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Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
New Custom House
Denver, Colorado

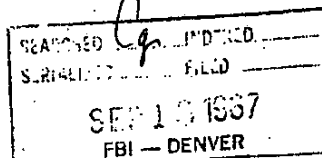
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Sincerely,

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Jan. 20, 1967

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Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Att: Department of Records

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Gentlemen,

We would like to inquire as to the status of a Mrs. Lola Belle Holmes. Mrs. Holmes was a guest speaker on our campus recently and told of her service for the FBI; this is merely a routine check to assure us that she was not misrepresenting herself to us.

Any information you can provide would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

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[Redacted Signature]

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Student Committee
for Interest and Action -
Lindenwood College for Women
St. Charles, Mo. 63301

Box 161
Lindenwood College for Women
St. Charles, Mo.

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CORRESPONDENCE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE 05-19-2009 BY 60322 UCLP/PLJ/JM

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/14/68

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SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT:

FORMER [REDACTED]
(LOLA BELLE HOLMES)

Re Chicago letter to Bureau 2/10/67.

SA [REDACTED] who at one time was the
contacting Agent for former [REDACTED] received a Christmas
card postmarked, "St. Louis, Missouri 12/28/67," with the
return address of LOLA BELLE HOLMES, FROST, 5564 Delmar,
third floor front, St. Louis, Missouri.

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The card read, "Seasons greetings, and best
wishes for a happy New Year, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES E. FROST,
LOLA BELLE and JIM." A handwritten note on the back states
in part, "I finally got married October 5...our ideologies
and philosophy are the same and my husband earns a fairly
decent living..."

The above is being furnished for information and
indexing purposes.

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February 27, 1968

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EX-105

Honorable Thomas B. Curtis
Member of Congress
8028 Forsyth Boulevard
Clayton, Missouri 63105

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of February 23rd
concerning Miss Lola Belle Holmes.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Holmes fur-
nished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a
confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not
an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her
services.

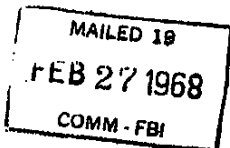
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles indicate prior correspondence with Congressman Curtis
generally of an official nature.

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THOMAS B. CURTIS
2d DISTRICT, MISSOURI

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WASHINGTON OFFICE:
1338 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.
February 23, 1968

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WASHINGTON OFFICE SECRETARY:
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8028 Forsyth Boulevard
Clayton, Missouri 63105

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re: Miss Lulu Belle Holmes.

The above-named appeared on a radio program in the St. Louis area earlier this week and stated that until very recently she had been an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The purpose of this letter is to check with you to find out whether this statement is indeed true.

It would be appreciated if you could advise me regarding the matter at my District Office, located at the above-indicated address.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Curtis

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Dear

Your letter of March 21st has been received.

In response to your request, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning her.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Dear Sirs--

Last nite 3-18-68 I listened to a lecture in La Crosse, Wisconsin by LuLu Belle Holmes. She claimed to have worked for the F.B.I as an undercover agent while becoming very active as a Communist agent. She made many statements & particularly attacked the O.E.O. stating that they had communists in every branch & bureau. Since a member of my family works for the O.E.O. I am concerned.

Could you give me any information on this Miss Holmes, her views, honesty, sincerity, mission etc.

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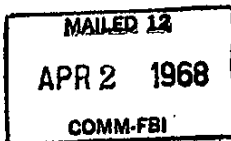
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Your letter was received on March 29th.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning her.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of the John Birch Society you are aware
that I am doing my most honorable best to educate my uninformed
fellow citizens as to the true nature of Communism.

One of the ways I am currently doing this is bringing
to my locality, along with the aid of some very good people, a Negro,
Miss Lola Bell Holmes to speak on Communist involvement in the
civil rights movement.

Being aware that you cannot give out unauthorized infor-
mation and understanding your position is there any statement your
office can forward to me for release in public concerning the seven
years Miss Holmes furnished information to the F. B. I. inside the
Communist Party, U.S.A.

Any help will be greatly appreciated!

Very sincerely,



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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of April 23rd.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further regarding her.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which I trust you will find of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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A Statement on Communism, 3/27/67

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Dear Sir:

As an interested citizen of Belleville, Illinois, on April seventeenth I attended a meeting of the TRAIN Committee, which I have been informed is a front organization for the John Birch Society. The guest speaker of the evening Mrs. Lola Belle Holmes, amassed and seemed to completely captivate an audience of about four hundred people.

Mrs. Holmes stated she was a member of the Communist Party from 1957 to 1963, during which time she worked as an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Her speech was very lengthy, informative and quite disturbing. If we are to believe what she says, our government offices and organizations, and most especially civil rights movements, are infiltrated and in some cases completely ran by Communists.

Mrs Holmes suggested that if anyone doubted what she was saying, that they could check with the F.B.I. because it was all on record there. I am following her suggestion, although I am quite doubtful that such information would be released to an individual. Perhaps, if nothing more, you could verify Mrs. Holmes statement that she was an undercover agent working for the F.B.I., as a member of the Communist Party from 1957 to 1963.

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Any information will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 29th has been received. It was certainly thoughtful of you to comment as you did regarding my books as well as my work, and I want to thank you.

With respect to your inquiry concerning my testimony on February 16th before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations, my remarks to which you referred were in response to specific questions. They dealt solely with my feelings that it is improper for individuals who have voluntarily furnished information to the FBI on a confidential basis, for which they may or may not have been compensated, to capitalize on the name and reputation of this Bureau.

I am enclosing an excerpt from my testimony concerning this matter.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

Excerpt from Testimony of John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, before The House Subcommittee on Appropriations, on

February 16, 1967. Page 101. FBI Appropriation 1968.

NOTE: Bufiles reflect an outgoing 12-10-64 to correspondent in

reply to her favorable remarks regarding the Director's press conference. At that time she mentioned she had read "Masters

of Deceit" and was referred to "A Study of Communism. It is not

known who "our organization" or the "we" is that she refers to in her

letter but possibly she is referring to the John Birch Society

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April 29, 1968

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Our organization recently sponsored a speaker, who I thought to be a good one, Miss Lula Belle Holmes. She stated that she was an undercover agent of the FBI in the past and told of her experiences in the Communist party. She made it emphatically clear at the beginning that she was not speaking for the FBI, but only as a private citizen who considered it a privilege to speak the truth about infiltration in the civil rights and labor movement among Negroes in particular. During the course of the speech she made it known that she had joined The John Birch Society and was on their Speakers Bureau. Since I know that the FBI is an investigative agency only and does not endorse or renounce organizations or individuals, my question is this. ||

A letter to the editor of our local paper states that you, Mr. Hoover, denounced "Birch speakers" using Ex-FBI undercover agent descriptions in the FBI publication "FBI Appropriation" 1968, page 101. Is this true? (Have you denounced Birch Society speakers or the John Birch Society?)

In closing, I would just like to thank Almighty God for giving us Americans a man of your stature, dedication, and devotion who has accomplished so much in your position as Director of the FBI and who has truly been an honorable vanguard for the cause of justice and security in the United States. May God continue to bless you.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

We have distributed hundreds of copies of your books and pamphlets. Thank God for them, too.

For them, too.

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April 30, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On April 17, 1968 the St. Clair County TRAIN Committee, an organization dedicated to the restoration of constitutional government and a return to law and order, entertained one Lola Belle Holmes. This colored lady, who is sponsored by the American Opinion Speakers Bureau, stated that she was an undercover agent for the F.B.I. during the years 1957 to 1963. As a member of the TRAIN committee I have no reason to doubt her veracity but I should like to check some details. No. 1) Miss Holmes stated that Claude Lightfoot is head of the Communist Party. 2) That she organized the march on Washington which was led by the late Martin Luther King Jr. on or about 1963. 3) Miss Holmes stated that she is barred from speaking in all National Council of Christian Churches of America; from all organized Civil Rights activities; and from holding any job controlled by a Union. Can you confirm these details?

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Thank you very much for your effort. May I commend the F.B.I. for its outstanding work. Yours is the one governmental organization which is seldom subjected to adverse comment.

Yours sincerely,

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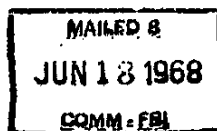
I have received your letter of June 12th, with
enclosures.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle
Holmes furnished information on subversive organizations to
the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although
she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated
for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy,
I cannot comment further regarding her.

I am returning the clipping as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosure

NOTE: The clipping is an article from the Milwaukee Journal
of 6-11-68, captioned "Poverty War Termed Red Tool" and con-
cerns a speech of Lola Belle Holmes in which she states the
government is helping to finance a communist revolution by
supporting a "so-called war on poverty." The other enclosure
is a self-addressed stamped envelope which is being utilized in
reply. Bufiles indicate in January, 1964, [redacted]

[redacted] advised an Agent of the Milwaukee Office
that [redacted] whom she described as a naturalized citizen,

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June 12, 1968

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To Whom It May Concern:

I read with great interest the enclosed clipping. It appeared in The Milwaukee Journal, printed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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I SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE CLIPPING RETURNED TO ME.

Are these statements that Miss Lola Belle Holmes made all true?

If so, then why isn't the U.S. government stopping the action of these programs. K

I, fight Communism--I do not breed it;

I LOATHE COMMUNISM and fought alone bravely for two and one half years six years ago to free a man named [Redacted] from Communism. He now resides at Stickney, Illinois. b6
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So--please I want the complete truth on this article. If it is not the truth, I want permission from the F.B.I. Office at Washington, D.C. to answer it and talk about it using your answers for direct proof. REC-31 [Redacted]

Enclosed is an envelope with a stamp to have the clipping returned to me--along with the correct answer on every statement this woman made. b2
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Thank You.

Yours very truly,

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Attention: J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the F.B. I.
Washington, D.C. b6
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THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL

Tuesday, June 11, 1968

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Poverty War Termed Red Tool

The government is helping finance a Communist revolution by supporting a "so-called war on poverty," a former paid informant for the FBI told about 250 persons here Monday night.

Miss Lola Belle Holmes, St. Louis, said the antipoverty program and its tax dollars are providing the framework for the revolution, along with such groups as the Ford Foundation, which gave \$200,000 to the Rev. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership conference.

The FBI said Miss Holmes was paid by the bureau for information supplied from 1956 to 1963. Her appearance at the Holiday Inn West was sponsored by Milwaukee area committees of TACT — Truth About Civil Turmoil — a John Birch society organization.

"One thing on the minds of Communists is money, money, money," Miss Holmes said.

instructions on how to make molotov cocktails."

Miss Holmes urged the crowd to begin speaking out to cut off tax dollars to support the antipoverty program.

"The poor have been speaking loud and clear with molotov cocktails . . . rioting, violence and death. . . It's time Washington heard you," she said.



Miss Lola Belle Holmes

"They yap and yell about destroying capitalism. But that's just to fool you. They want to take over like they have taken over the war on poverty. . ."

Miss Holmes said Communists had said publicly that the economic opportunity act had become the basis for organizing slum and ghetto communities.

"Now they even gloat that the OEO (office of economic opportunity) is supporting them; they know they'll be protected by the boys in Washington," she said.

She said antipoverty workers were seen using government equipment and cars during riots and that they had used government owned duplicating machines "to print in-

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Your letter of April 30th has been received and I certainly want to thank you for your favorable comments concerning my administration of this Bureau.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. I am not responsible for what Miss Holmes says, and I am sure you will understand that it would not be proper for me to make any further comment.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. There is no record of St. Clair County TRAIN Committee.

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Dear [redacted]

In response to your letter of June 11th, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further regarding her.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which I trust you will find of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

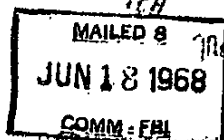
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs,

0 This evening I attended a lecture given by Miss Lola Belle Holmes, who claimed to have been an undercover agent for the FBI for seven years beginning in 1956. She told us she infiltrated the Communist apparatus which was running the civil rights movement. The theme of her lecture this evening was that the War on Poverty should be abolished, as it is serving only as a front for the Communist movement. Since I am entering training this month to become a Vista volunteer, this statement naturally is of great concern to me.

I wonder if it would be possible for you to confirm that Miss Holmes did indeed work as an agent for you and that she has testified against Communistic subversive activities.

Your reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of June 16th.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further regarding her.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles indicate prior correspondence with [Redacted] last outgoing 5-31-68 responding to his question concerning Karl Prussion.

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June 16, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of May 31 regarding Karl Prussion.

I fully understand that the FBI is not in a position to comment on the statements he has made public, that is why my initial letter only asked if he ever was a member of your organization.

Since writing to you a Mrs. Lola Belle Holmes was in Pittsburgh as the guest speaker on Merle Pollis' Comment radio program (WJAS, Monday, May 20, 1968).

She said she is a former member of the Communist party and said the Civil Rights movement is Kremlin directed.

She also said she was a member of the FBI for a number of years. Was Mrs. Holmes ever connected with the FBI? If so, in what capacity and for how many years?

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June 21, 1968

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Honorable Gaylord Nelson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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My dear Senator:

I have received your letter of June 18th
enclosing a copy of the letter from Mr. Don C. Smith of
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

In response to your constituent's inquiry,
Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subver-
sive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956
to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau,
she was compensated for her services. On January 25,
1963, she testified before the Subversive Activities Control
Board and on December 17, 1964, she testified before an
Executive Session of the House Committee on Un-American
Activities. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I can-
not comment further regarding her.

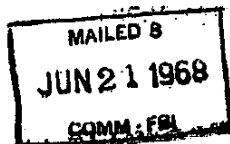
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles indicate we enjoy cordial relations with Senator Nelson.
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am forwarding a letter from the editor of the
Menomonee Falls News, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, asking
 about the credentials of Miss Lola Belle Holmes who alleges
 that she was an undercover agent for the FBI.

Please advise and thank you for this courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

Gaylord Nelson
 GAYLORD NELSON
 U. S. Senator

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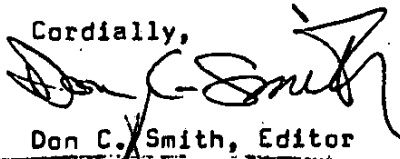
Dear Senator Nelson,

Recently a woman named Miss Lola Belle Holmes spoke here in behalf of the Menomonee Falls TACT Committee (Truth About Civil Turmoil), claiming she was an undercover agent for the FBI from 1957 until seven years later when she "surfaced." There is some question in our mind if this woman was indeed an agent for the FBI.

We would appreciate it if you could inform us as to whether she did in fact testify before congressional or senate committees on Communist activities and whether she really was an undercover agent for the FBI.

I personally contacted the Milwaukee office of the FBI and that office declined to commit itself as to whether Miss Holmes was an agent.

Cordially,


Don C. Smith, Editor



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July 9, 1968

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To: SAC, Milwaukee

From: Director, FBI

LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

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Reurlet 6/28/68.

Lola Belle Holmes was a Chicago security informant from August, 1956, to January, 1963. As an informant, she became a member of the Illinois District, Communist Party, USA. In January, 1963, she testified on behalf of the Government at hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board concerning the CP membership case of Claude Lightfoot, a leader in the Illinois District, CPUSA.

In regard to public inquiries received concerning Miss Lola Belle Holmes, the Bureau has replied as follows: Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information to FBI on subversive activities on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of the FBI, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with a long-standing policy, further comment concerning Miss Holmes cannot be made.

You are authorized to respond in line with the above Bureau's reply to inquiries received concerning Holmes.

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Releates Holmes is presently on a speaking tour of the State of Wisconsin and requests answer which may be given in response to inquiries received concerning her.

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Relet attached an article which points out discrepancies concerning a number of her statements about persons she describes as communists. For instance, she describes Martin Luther King, Jr., as a communist and states that he was killed through an international communist plot. In past, she has been admonished for irresponsible statements pertaining to the FBI.

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Miss Holmes	✓
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/28/68

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: LOLA BELLE HOLMES
FORMER PSI

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago is one copy each of an article appearing in the Milwaukee Star on 6/15/68.

For information of the Bureau, the Milwaukee Star, is a twice weekly publication, which voices the Negro interests in the Milwaukee inner core area. The Star is published by PHILLIP L. ESTRADA, and is a supporter of the civil rights movement.

The Milwaukee Office has received numerous telephonic inquiries from the public, subsequent to the appearance of the above article and the captioned subject's speech. Milwaukee does not have at this time sufficient background data available on the subject to adequately handle the questions of the public in this matter.

Milwaukee requests that the Bureau furnish sufficient background information on the captioned subject to allow Milwaukee to answer inquiries which may come in the future. The subject is presently on a speaking tour of the State of Wisconsin, and it is felt that future questions will be posed by the public.

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Woman Raps King as Follower of Reds

"The assassination of our three national leaders, the two Kennedys and Dr. Martin Luther King, is one big international communistic plot; The War on Poverty is a fraud, the Central Intelligence Agency is highly infiltrated with Communists and the police should be given more power," said Miss Lola Holmes recently to the committee members of Truth About Civil Turmoil - TACT - here in Milwaukee.

Miss Holmes said she was an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1956 to 1963. During her seven years operating as an agent for the FBI, she infiltrated the Communist apparatus here and in Moscow. She took orders from Moscow and reported them to the federal authorities here in the United States. She also infiltrated the Communist created Black organizations and soon rose to prominence in the Communist Party itself.

She said Communists have infiltrated every phase of life in the United States and if care is not taken, it might be too late. Oswald, who shot President Kennedy, has been moved to have been in constant communication with Moscow and Cuba," she asserted. "Where was the killer of King arrested? England," she said. "And, of course, the killer of Sen. Robert Kennedy was a Jordanian."

One fact she failed to reconcile here in her speech was why a Communist should want to kill Dr. King, since she claimed earlier that Dr. Martin Luther King was a Communist and helped to carry out the Communist plans in the United States.

Miss Holmes, a Black woman from Louisiana and who attended a segregated school system, is a member of the John Birch Society and believes that she is a die hard conservative. "Let's stop Communism," she screamed, "then we can work out our racial problems."

She called the War on Poverty a fraud and the Office of Economic Opportunity a federal government instrument for enhancing revolutionaries and revolutionary movements in the United States. "The revolution, with its bombs, riots, fires and death is being financed by the War on Poverty," she contended.

The conservative woman standing before 200 members of the TACT committee, prayed to God to forgive the white men for their wrongs for they were trying to do the right thing and blamed the Blacks for their cowardliness. "We believe in tokenism instead of trying to build industries, we go into the streets instead of trying to build a financial kingdom."

Miss Holmes here again failed to coordinate her ideas when she later said that the sad story about the War on Poverty is the fact that people who needed jobs are still jobless and still wallow away in chronic poverty. She also accused Father Groppi of trying to lead her people to destruction.

She pointed out that the CIA is not working for the containment of Communism but for the enhancement of Communism. "The CIA is so highly infiltrated with Communists, that the agency is not working for the best interest of this country."

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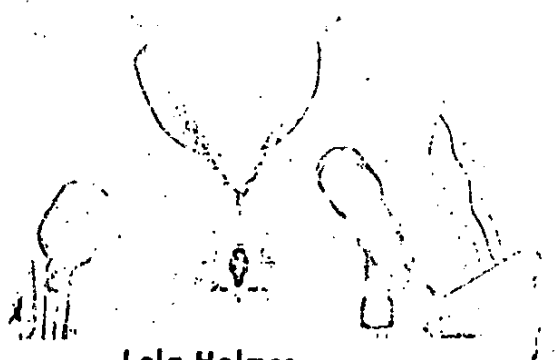
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The former FBI agent urged her audience to raise their voices up to Washington, because this is going to be a long, long, hot summer and if they chose to remain silent, they might not live to see the fall. She continued whipping up the emotions of the persons present at her lecture that night and said they should make it possible for the police to shoot to kill any person who attempts to destroy their property.

Miss Holmes made three different appearances in Milwaukee, and intends to tour the whole state.



Lola Holmes

July 12, 1968

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of July 7th.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further regarding her.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The publication to which correspondent refers mentions that Lola Be Holmes, a Negro who identified herself as a former undercover Agent of the FBI within the Communist Party, declared that it is out to "capt Catholic Church." She made these remarks at the Fourth National V Forum in Minneapolis recently, which was a three-day meeting sponsored by the conservative Catholic weekly publication, "The Wanderer." "Tr About Civil Turmoil," (TACT) is sponsored by the John Birch Society and has been the subject of numerous inquiries.

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July 7, 1968

Sirs-

Is it possible for you to verify to me the role of
Lola Belle Holmes? She claims to be a former undercover agent
for the FBI within the Communist Party for a number of years.
Is this correct?

I heard her talk for a TACT group. Had some reser-
vations on her comments.

In Time magazine, July 5, 1968., I note in Minneapolis
for the Fourth Nat'l Wanderer Forum.

I shall appreciate hearing from you.

Truly yours,



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To The FBI
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Washington, DC

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Honorable Clark MacGregor
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of July 11th together with the copy of a letter, and its enclosure, from Mr. H. O. Holmberg of Minneapolis.

In response to your inquiries, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1958 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. The FBI is not responsible for her statements and in keeping with my long-standing policy I cannot comment further concerning her.

I am enclosing an excerpt from my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on February 16, 1967, which pertains to the communist influence in racial matters. As I stated in this testimony, the communists and other subversives constantly strive to take advantage of racial discord in this country. The same could be said for the efforts of the communists with regard to the War on Poverty.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: Congressman MacGregor is on the mailing list to receive the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin and we have had prior cordial correspondence with him. Bufiles indicate no record of his constituent. Answer correlated with Domestic Intelligence Division.

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Congress of the United States

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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I recently received from my constituent.

Please note especially the attached article from the Minneapolis Tribune regarding a speech recently made by a Mrs. Lola Belle Holmes. I would appreciate learning from your office, first, whether or not Mrs. Holmes was in fact "an undercover FBI agent working within the Communist Party in Chicago, Illinois from 1957 to 1964", and second, whether or not there is any validity to Mrs. Holmes allegations regarding Communist activity within the War on Poverty and the Civil Rights movement.

Sincerely,

Clark MacGregor

Clark MacGregor, M.C.

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June 28, 1968

The Honorable Clark MacGregor
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The enclosed article appeared recently in the Minneapolis Tribune and is forwarded for your information and investigation.

If the above information is factual, and it is assumed it must be or Mrs. Holmes would be restrained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, then I should like to ask your immediate action in having this matter investigated.

Of special concern is Mrs. Holmes' statement, "A revolution of such magnitude that I can see our country being drawn into oblivion. It is being financed with your money and promoted through a bevy of your government's agencies".

This article has special significance inasmuch as just this past week Congress appropriated additional funds for the poverty program for the coming fiscal year. It is to be noted these funds were first reduced by one hundred million dollars but this cut was then restored the very next day by Congress. I should like to know how you voted on this matter as if these funds are being misused to subvert our nation, the program should be cancelled.

Further, any other governmental agencies involved in subversive activities should also be investigated and any disloyal people found in their employ should be ferreted out, dismissed and prosecuted.

It is difficult to comprehend how people employed by our governmental agencies can practice subversion without detection. Also, it is hard to understand how these individuals were given security clearance in the first place. It is my opinion that every government employee on a policy making level should be investigated annually for security purposes as laxity in our country's security just cannot be condoned.



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The Honorable Clark MacGregor

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June 28, 1968

This is a year of grave decision for our country and it is time to stop any disloyal actions of this nature now. These subversive acts, if true, should be brought to the attention of the responsible officials and also be reported to the United States' taxpayers.

I wish to again emphasize my deep concern in this matter and your immediate action and reply is requested.



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Forum Told Reds Behind Race Crisis

By DAVID JORDAN
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

Stopping communism in America is more important than solving racial problems, a Negro from St. Louis, Mo., told a gathering of 500 Catholic clergy and laymen Saturday.

American racial violence is the result of Communist-inspired conspiracy, financed largely by War on Poverty funds, said Mrs. Lola Belle Holmes, who addressed a luncheon session of the Wanderer Forum at the Radisson Hotel.

Mrs. Holmes, who said she was an undercover FBI agent working within the Communist party in Chicago, Ill., from 1957 to 1964, spoke on "The Civil Rights and War on Poverty Fraud." She decried what she called "Communist-inspired civic turmoil."

TWO YEARS ago, Mrs. Holmes said, the Communists decided to "latch onto War on Poverty funds and use them to stir up trouble." "My fellow Americans," she said, "you are in the midst of a revolution of such magnitude that I can see our country being drawn down into oblivion. It is being financed with your money and promoted through a bevy of your government's agencies."

The "only way we can reverse this thing," she said, is to support former Alabama Gov. George Wallace's campaign for the presidency.

"We have to stop communism first, and then we can work out society's other problems — including race — afterwards," Mrs. Holmes said.

SHE REJECTED the findings of the Kerner Report on civil disorders as "hoopla" and "doubletalk."

"If believing laws should be enforced makes you one, then I guess I'm a white racist," she said.

She advocated increased economic opportunities for Negroes as a substitute for black power.

"Laws can deliver rights, but not acceptance," Mrs. Holmes said. "Acceptance is not legislated, it is achieved."

The Communists, Mrs. Holmes said, "are attempting to isolate the United States internationally while fomenting discord within our boundaries."

THE RUSSIAN government "calls the tune for the American Communist party" in its attempts to capitalize on the civil rights movement, she said.

"We have already surrendered to communism," she said, claiming that the 1965 Voting Rights Act was the result of a campaign planned in 1956 by the American Communist party.

The United Black Front, a coalition of civil rights and black power groups formed by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and Stokely Carmichael shortly before Dr. King's death, is a Communist front which "will promote the coming strife," she charged.

The Wanderer Forum is an annual meeting that is sponsored chiefly by The Wanderer, a conservative Catholic newspaper in St. Paul.

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Honorable M. Gene Snyder
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of July 30th.

In response to your constituent's inquiry,
Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subver-
sive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956
to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau,
she was compensated for her services. On January 25,
1963, she testified before the Subversive Activities Control
Board and on December 17, 1964, she testified before an
Executive Session of the House Committee on Un-American
Activities. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I can-
not comment further regarding her.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles indicate we have had previous cordial relations
with Congressman Snyder. The last outgoing being 5-31-68.

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July 30, 1968

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

One of my constituents has asked me for information on a Miss Lola Bell Holmes -- who, she alleges, was an undercover agent for the FBI.

Information on which to base a reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

M. Gene Snyder

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of August 9th.

In reply to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. On January 25, 1963, she testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board and on December 17, 1964, she testified before an Executive Session of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The FBI is not responsible for her statements and in keeping with my long-standing policy I cannot comment further concerning her.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [Redacted]
We have enjoyed cordial relations with the Council Against Communist Aggression. The Bureau is well aware of the activities of the "Negro" American Labor Council.

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August 9, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Several months ago I attended a meeting in Pittsburgh at which I listened to a speech made by Lola Belle Holmes. She gave a chilling account of the Communists in this country and stated that she had been not only an officer in a labor union in Chicago, but was a former member of the National Committee of the Negro American Labor Council, a member of the Communist Party and an officer in their national hierarchy, and an undercover agent for the FBI.

I have long been a member of the Executive and National Committee of the Council Against Communist Aggression, with headquarters at 1500 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19121, of which [redacted] I wrote to [redacted] to obtain additional information about Lola Belle Holmes and he checked with [redacted] of the Council and also [redacted] of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL/CIO. [redacted] claims that when Lola Belle Holmes was given a hearing by the Negro American Labor Council, she denied having been a member of the Communist Party. He goes on to say that this woman is a notorious liar and that her membership in the Negro American Labor Council was cancelled, since they felt that she was a spy.

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Miss Holmes' presentation was so forceful and well documented, that I find it difficult to believe she was lying. She claims that she "surfaced" from the Communist Party and testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee several years ago. She stated that she has given ample testimony to the FBI. On the other hand, I have no reason to question the statement of [redacted] Although I do not know him personally, his important office in the Council Against Communist Aggression would suggest that he would want no part of anyone with Communist leanings and would be most sympathetic with anyone who is fighting the Communist Party in the Negro and labor organizations, of which he is an important part.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
August 9, 1968
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I am not asking for any classified or confidential information, but would like to know whether or not Miss Holmes was in fact a member of the Communist Party as she claimed to be. If you can give me any other background information on this woman, I would appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,



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August 30, 1968

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 26th has been received and I want to thank you for your generous remark concerning my work.

In reply to your inquiries, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information relating to subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1956 to 1963. In addition, Mr. Thomas A. Younglove furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1945 to 1949. Although neither was an employee of this Bureau, they were compensated for their services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further regarding them.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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August 26, 1968

Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Gentlemen -

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Recently in our local papers, slanderous remarks have been made actually questioning whether Miss Lola Belle Holmes and Mr. Thomas Younglove were former FBI agents who came from under-cover to testify and name people connected with the Communist Party. I have called our local FBI office to confirm whether this credibility is indeed a fact, but they referred me to you.

I have heard Mr. Younglove speak at a study group, using documents prepared by the Committee on un-American Activities and believed I could speak against Communism with a little more knowledge. But when things like, "Mr. Younglove, who claims to be a former FBI agent", it makes me doubt whether I would have anything to back up a statement I might make to argue any point made by someone unaware of the methods used by the Communist party.

(2) Is it possible to have this confirmed that these people actually worked with your Bureau and were agents of just people who worked with the Bureau without the title "FBI agent"?

I believe the papers should be made aware they are misleading the people into doubting any statement which disclaims the credit that should be given to these people who endangered their lives for us by doing the thing which they did and again does the same thing for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Without you, I shudder to think what an even more deplorable state our country might be in!

Thank you for your reply. REC-33

Respectfully,

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